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PLEASE
USE THESE
AS YOUR
QUARTERS
WHILE YOU
STAY IN THE
CAPITAL.



AH,
EXCUSE
ME.



WE
ARRIVED
A BIT LATE,
SO THERE ARE
TWO MORE
PEOPLE
NOW.

IS
THERE
ROOM
FOR ALL
OF US?



PERSONALLY,
I AM VERY
HAPPY TO
HAVE YOU
TWO BACK.

STEP!!

BUT IT'S
TOO LATE
TO COMPLAIN
NOW, SO IT'S
WHATEVER.

SULK

HONESTLY,
I'M STILL
KIND OF MAD
ABOUT IT.

HOW
COULD WE
POSSIBLY
SURVIVE
WITHOUT
WORKING
TOGETHER?

WE HAVE
VERY FEW
FRIENDS IN
THIS BIZARRE,
FOREIGN
WORLD.

B-BUT
HOW DO
WE KNOW
WE CAN
TRUST
THEM?!



Wince...

UGH...

...BECAUSE
YOU'D TRY AND
GET REVENGE IN
THEIR SITUATION,
RIGHT?



YOU ONLY
THINK THAT
WAY...



WHAT
?!

WHO'S
THIS GIRL
ANYWAY?

WHISPER

WHISPER

THAT'S
WHAT IT
LOOKED
LIKE ON
THE BUS.

WASN'T
YAZAKI
SUPPOSED
TO BE THE
LEADER?

WHISPER

YOU
DON'T
REMEMBER
AKINO?!
SHE'S A
REAL-LIFE
IDOL!



AS
UNQUALIFIED
AS I AM, I'M
CURRENTLY
ACTING AS CLASS
LEADER.

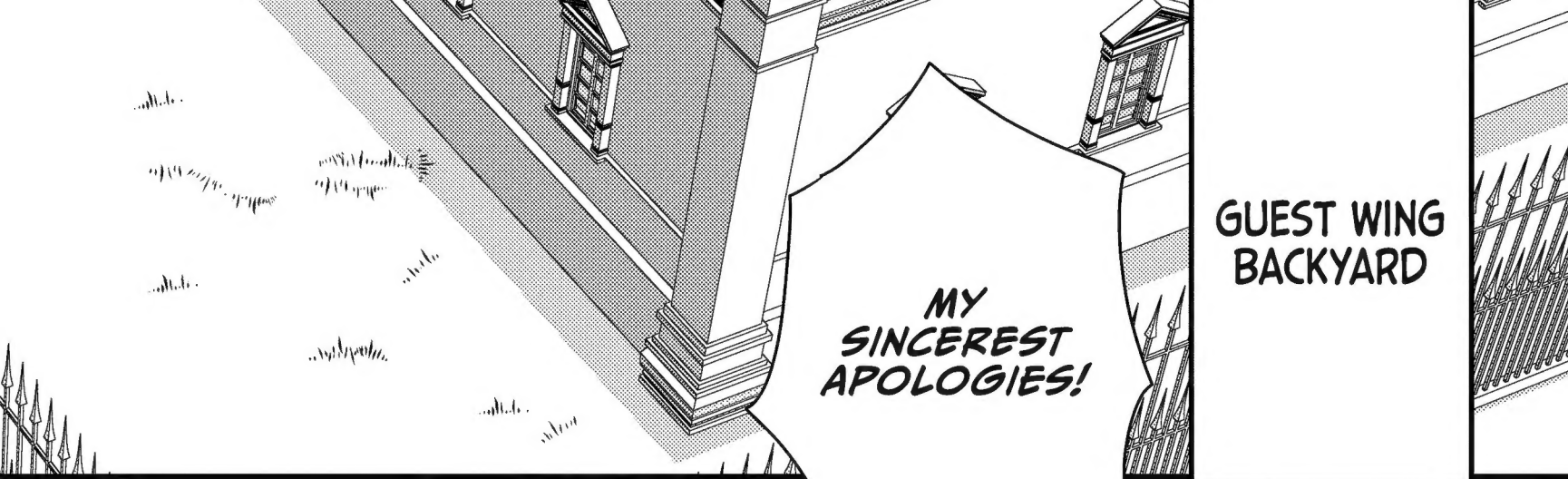
I LOOK
FORWARD
TO WORKING
WITH YOU.

MY
NAME
IS SORA
AKINO.

SMILE

Ah,
she
heard
me...





GUEST WING
BACKYARD

MY
SINCEREST
APOLOGIES!



WHAT?!

WHY I
APOLO-
GIZE?!

TALK
PROPERLY,
PLEASE!

COME ON,
CAROL! YOU
APOLOGIZE
TOO!

YANK

YANK

Bow



Uhm...?

RYOUKO
NINOMIYA AND
THE EXCHANGE
STUDENT, CAROL
S. LANE, WANTED
TO APOLOGIZE
TO US?

UMM...
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?

WHAT DO
THEY HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR?

TAKATOU
ALREADY SAID
HE DOESN'T
CARE ABOUT US
LEAVING HIM
BEHIND.

SEEING THE
COOL AND
COLLECTED
RYOUKO ALL
FLUSTERED
IS PRETTY
FUNNY.

Ha
ha
ha!!!

FOR
LEAVING
YOU BEHIND
ON THE
BUS!

IT WAS
SO SUDDEN,
WE COULDN'T
RESIST HIS
LEADERSHIP
SKILL!

WHY
APOLOGIZE
NOW?

Guffaw
Guffaw

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DROP

WHAT
ELSE CAN
WE DO BUT
APOLO-
GIZE?!

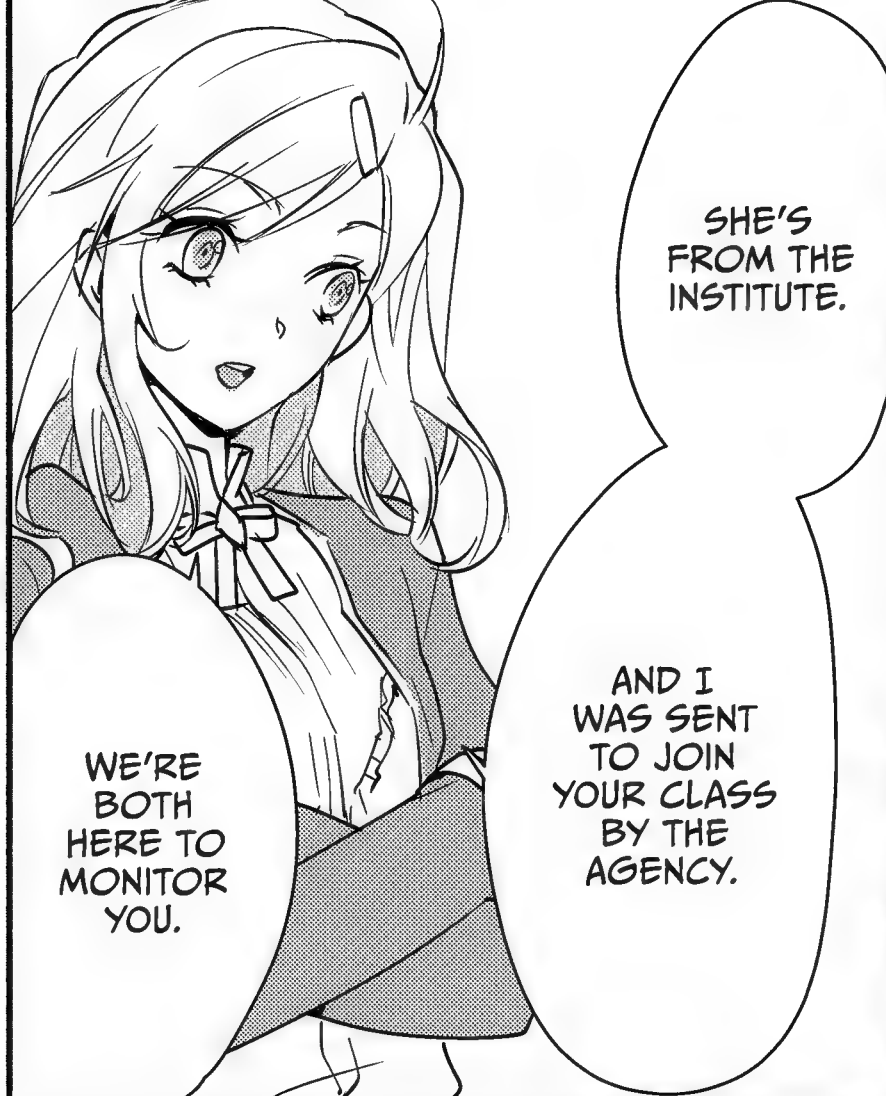
!

THE
FIRST
GATE IS
OPEN!

THAT MEANS
AT ANY
MOMENT—

HE COULD
WIPE OUT
THE ENTIRE
CLASS
WITHOUT
WARNING!

GLARE!



WE'RE BOTH HERE TO MONITOR YOU.

SHE'S FROM THE INSTITUTE.

AND I WAS SENT TO JOIN YOUR CLASS BY THE AGENCY.



FLINCH

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY POWER, NINOMIYA?



AH...WELL, I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D JUST LET ME GO UNCHECKED,

BUT I NEVER GUESSED THEY'D HAVE SPIES IN THE CLASS ITSELF...



I GUESS I NEVER HAD MUCH INTEREST IN OUR CLASS-MATES.

FUKAI? WHO'S THAT?

AS FAR AS I KNOW, IT'S JUST THE THREE OF US WATCHING YOU.

THERE'S ALSO FUKAI, FROM THE CULT.





WHAT?!

ABSO-
LUTELY
NOT! YOU'RE
TOTALLY
WRONG!



DOESN'T
THAT MEAN
THERE'S
SOMETHING
BETWEEN
YOU?!

YOU
MADE IT
ALL THIS
WAY AS A
COUPLE,
DIDN'T
YOU?!



STOP IT!
NO MORE
ON THAT
TOPIC!

HM?
OH. IT'S
MORE LIKE
MODERATION
THAN SELF-
RESTRAINT,
THOUGH—

SMIRK
SMIRK

YOU
MANAGED
TO KEEP
YOUR HANDS
TO YOURSELF
WITH SUCH A
CUTE GIRL AT
YOUR SIDE
THE WHOLE
TIME?

OH???



TH-THAT'S
NOT THE ONLY
REASON!

RYOUKO MUST
HAVE THOUGHT
THAT WAS THE
ONLY REASON
TOMOCHIKA WAS
STILL ALIVE!

YEAH,
LIKE
WHAT'S
THE WHOLE
EROGE
BARON
THING
ABOUT?!

IT'S A LOT
EASIER TO ASK
YOU TWO IF YOU
ALREADY KNOW
ABOUT ME.

ANYWAY,
PUTTING THAT
ASIDE,

COULD
YOU TELL
US WHAT'S
BEEN GOING
ON WITH THE
CLASS?

YOU'RE
REALLY
STUCK ON
THAT, HUH?

FOR
EXAMPLE,
MY CLASS IS
SAMURAI, AND
CAROL'S IS
NINJA.

BOTH OF
THEM ARE
COMBAT-
ORIENTED
CLASSES.

THE
POWERS WE
GOT WERE
REALLY
USEFUL,

BUT THEY'RE
BASED ON THE
CHARACTER
AND NATURE OF
EACH PERSON.

THE GROUPS
WERE ALSO SPLIT
BY GENDER SINCE
THERE WERE A LOT
OF COMPLAINTS
FROM THE GIRLS.

SO WE
DIVIDED
THE CLASS
UP BASED
ON COMBAT
STRENGTH.

BUT NOT
EVERYONE GOT
ABILITIES THAT
ARE USEFUL
IN FIGHTS.

COM-
PLAINTS?
ABOUT
WHAT?

NO,
THOSE ARE
THE NAMES WE
GAVE THEM. THEIR
ACTUAL CLASS
NAMES ARE EROGE
MASTER, EROGE
MEISTER, AND
EROG MANIAC.

THAT'S
JUST AS
BAD!

THREE
EROG
NOBLES?!

WHAT'S
WITH THOSE
CLASS
NAMES?!

BECAUSE OF
THE POWERS OF
THE THREE EROGE
NOBLES: EROGE
BARON SHINYA USHIO,
EROG MARQUIS
KEIICHI MUNAKATA,
AND EROGE COUNT
MITSUO YATATE.

WOW...

HE MUST
HAVE THOUGHT
HE COULD AVOID
THE SWORD IF
HE TOUCHED IT.

HIS ABILITY
IS TO STOP
TIME FOR
WHATEVER HE
TOUCHES.

SO WHAT
WAS USHIO
TRYING TO
DO TO THE
KING BACK
THERE?

HE CAN
MAKE THEM
GROW FROM
ANYWHERE,
APPARENTLY.

HOW ARE
TENTACLES A
POWER?!

MUNAKATA
HAS
INVISIBILITY,

AND
YATATE HAS
TENTACLES.

AH...
I GUESS
IT'S PRETTY
NATURAL TO
BE DISGUSTED
BY THEM...

BUT HE
HID THAT
FROM US
AT FIRST.

BESIDES
TURNING
INVISIBLE,
MUNAKATA
ALSO HAS
X-RAY
VISION,

SO
THERE'S NO
TELLING WHEN
THEY MIGHT TRY
TO USE THOSE
POWERS ON
THE GIRLS,
RIGHT?

BUT THE
POWERS GIVEN
BY THE SAGE
AREN'T RANDOM.
THEY'RE BASED
ON PEOPLE'S
PERSONALITIES.

フーワッ
CRINGE



WHICH USES
INFORMATION-
BASED SKILLS
TO ANALYZE
OTHERS'
POWERS.

OOTORI'S
CLASS IS
CONSULTANT,

HIS
DECEPTION
WAS ONLY
REVEALED
THANKS TO
OOTORI.

YEAH...

UH... }

THERE'S
SOMEONE
HERE WHO
CAN ANALYZE
THE GIFTS OF
OTHERS?
THAT...
MIGHT BE
BAD...



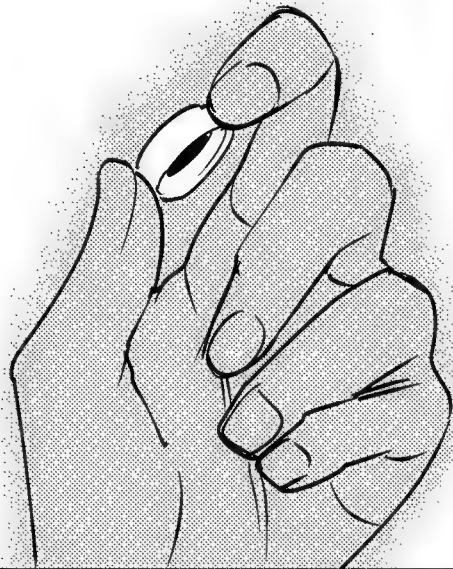
OH YEAH,
FROM THAT
CONCIERGE.

AH, SO THE
WHOLE THING
ABOUT GETTING
THE GIFT LATE
WAS A LIE
AFTER ALL?

WE'VE
GOT THESE
RINGS TO
MAKE IT LOOK
LIKE WE HAVE
THE GIFT, BUT
WILL HE SEE
THROUGH
THAT?

BASICALLY.

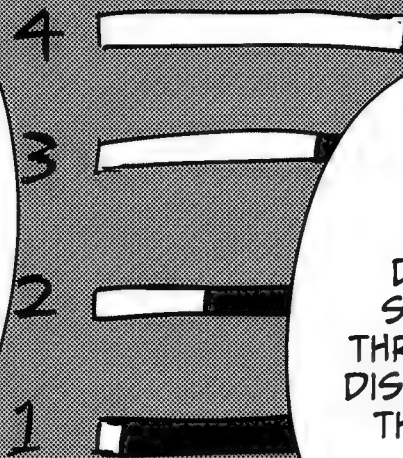
RANK?



NO ONE IN
THE CLASS
HAS ANY
SKILLS OVER
RANK 4.

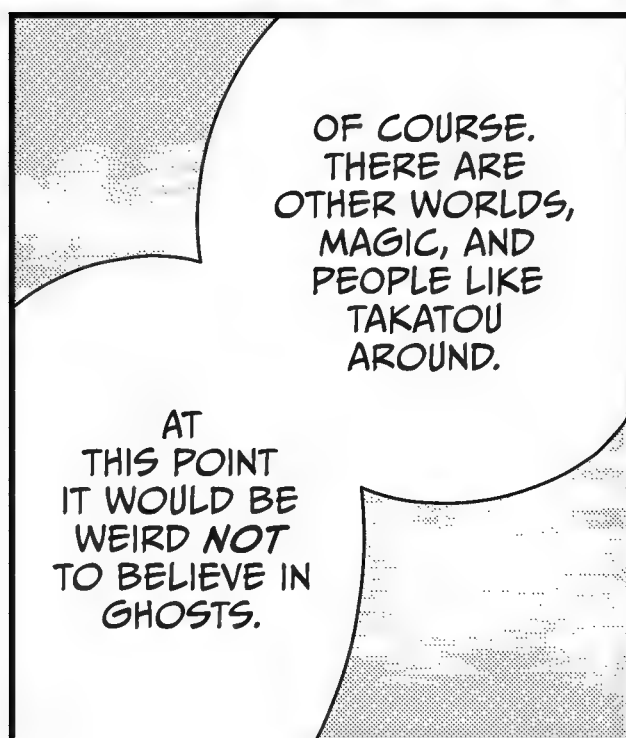
IF THE
DISGUISE
IS AT LEAST
RANK 5, YOU
SHOULD BE
SAFE.

RANKS ARE
ABSOLUTE,
BUT IT GETS
COMPLICATED
WHEN IT'S
A CONTEST
BETWEEN TWO
ABILITIES OF
THE SAME
RANK.



A RANK 2
DISCERNMENT
SKILL CAN SEE
THROUGH A RANK 1
DISGUISE, BUT NOT
THE OTHER WAY
AROUND.

EVERYTHING
IN THE SYSTEM
HAS A RANK
ASSIGNED
TO IT.





WHY ARE
YOU STARING
AT ME AS
YOU SAY
THAT?

YEAH, I
GUESS A
GUARDIAN
SPIRIT IS
PRETTY LOW
ON THE RARITY
SCALE.

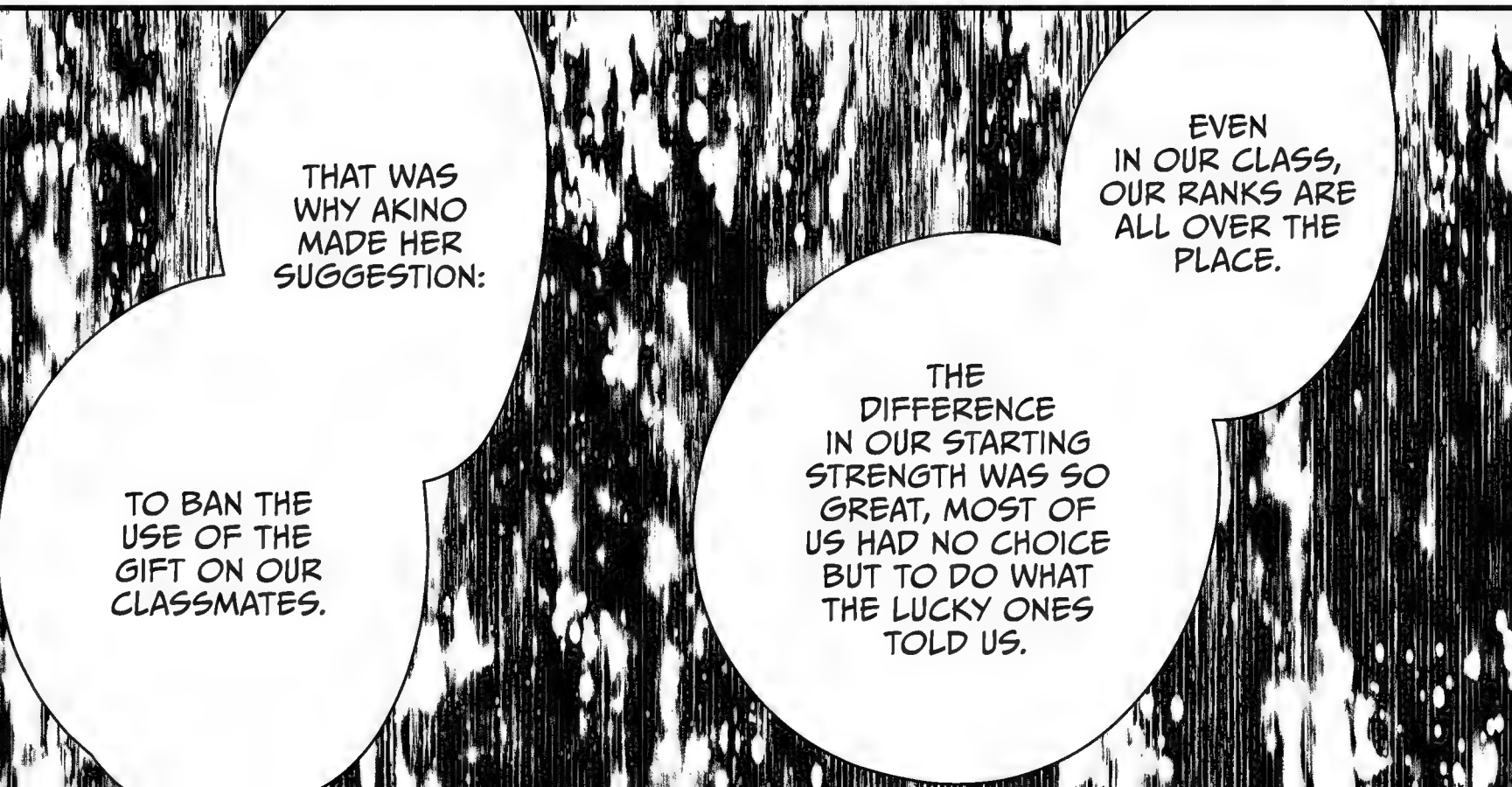
PROBABLY
A COMMON.



WAIT,
DOESN'T
THAT MAKE
THESE RINGS
INCREDIBLE?

THE
HIGHEST
RANK IS 10, BUT
RANK 4 IS ALREADY
BEYOND HUMAN
CAPABILITIES.
RANK 7 IS
APPROACHING
GODLIKE.

AT ANY
RATE, YOU
SHOULD HAVE
NO PROBLEM
WITH A RANK 6
MONSTER.



THAT WAS
WHY AKINO
MADE HER
SUGGESTION:

TO BAN THE
USE OF THE
GIFT ON OUR
CLASSMATES.

THE
DIFFERENCE
IN OUR STARTING
STRENGTH WAS SO
GREAT, MOST OF
US HAD NO CHOICE
BUT TO DO WHAT
THE LUCKY ONES
TOLD US.

EVEN
IN OUR CLASS,
OUR RANKS ARE
ALL OVER THE
PLACE.



WHICH
FORCES
PEOPLE TO
KEEP THEIR
PROMISE
TO HER.

AKINO USED
HER OATH
SKILL, GIVEN
BY THE IDOL
CLASS,

BUT JUST
SAYING IT
WAS BANNED
WOULDN'T
STOP PEOPLE
FROM USING IT
SECRETLY,

SO...

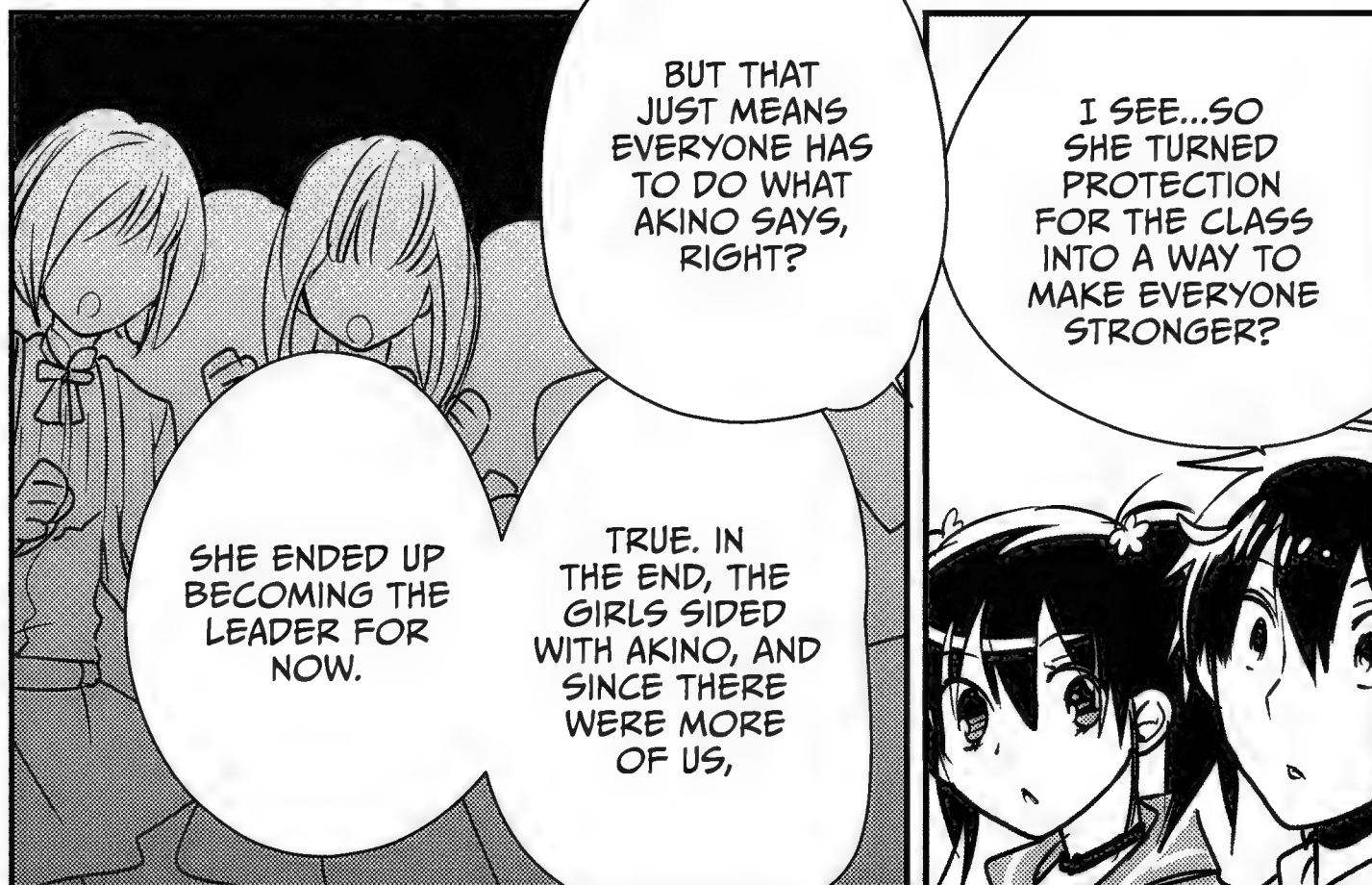


SHE HAD
EVERYONE
PROMISE NOT TO
USE THEIR POWERS
ON THEIR CLASSMATES
IN EXCHANGE FOR
GETTING A RANK-
UP ON ALL THEIR
SKILLS.

AND IF YOU
BREAK YOUR
PROMISE, YOU
GET PUNISHED
BASED ON THE
MAGNITUDE OF
YOUR WISH.

BY KEEPING
THAT PROMISE,
IT MAKES THEIR
DREAMS COME
TRUE. IT'S ACTUALLY
AN INCREDIBLE
SKILL.





BUT THAT
JUST MEANS
EVERYONE HAS
TO DO WHAT
AKINO SAYS,
RIGHT?

I SEE...SO
SHE TURNED
PROTECTION
FOR THE CLASS
INTO A WAY TO
MAKE EVERYONE
STRONGER?

SHE ENDED UP
BECOMING THE
LEADER FOR
NOW.

TRUE. IN
THE END, THE
GIRLS SIDED
WITH AKINO, AND
SINCE THERE
WERE MORE
OF US,

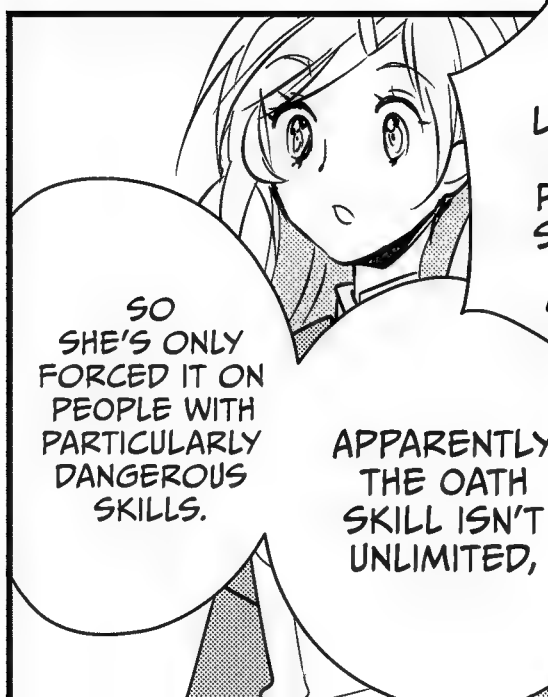


BUT IF
WE HAVE TO
TAKE THE
OATH TOO,

WON'T SHE
REALIZE THAT
WE DON'T
HAVE THE
GIFT?



AS A
GIRL, I
CAN'T REALLY
DISAGREE,
HEARING ABOUT
THE EROGE
NOBLES'
ABILITIES.



SO
SHE'S ONLY
FORCED IT ON
PEOPLE WITH
PARTICULARLY
DANGEROUS
SKILLS.

APPARENTLY
THE OATH
SKILL ISN'T
UNLIMITED,

LET'S FIND
A MORE
PEACEFUL
SOLUTION!



I-I WILL GO
ELIMINATE HER
IMMEDIATELY!

WHY SO
VIOLENT?!



IF YOU
MADE IT THIS
FAR WITHOUT THE
GIFT, SHOULDN'T
YOU BE ABLE TO
SURVIVE ON YOUR
OWN IN THIS
WORLD?

BY
THE WAY,
WHY DID YOU
REJOIN THE
CLASS?

I GUESS
I'LL WORRY
ABOUT IT
WHEN IT
HAPPENS,
THEN.



SO I'M
HOPING SHE
KNOWS HOW
WE CAN GET
BACK.

I WANT
TO TALK
TO THAT
SAGE.

SHE'S
THE ONE WHO
SUMMONED
US HERE,



I
GUESS...

I ALSO
FIGURED
RETURNING
HOME WAS
IMPOSSIBLE,
SO I'VE BEEN
FOCUSED ON
BECOMING
A SAGE
INSTEAD.



GET
BACK
...?!

UHH...YEAH,
I SUPPOSE
SO! NORMALLY
THAT'S WHAT
YOU WOULD
DO, RIGHT?

HUH?



NO,
I DON'T
THINK
THAT'S A
GOOD
IDEA.

HMM...



WHY
DON'T WE
TELL EVERY-
ONE SO WE
CAN WORK
TOGETHER?

HMM...

PERHAPS THE
INSTALLATION OF
THE GIFT DREW
THEIR THOUGHTS
AWAY FROM
SUCH THINGS.



I AGREE.
IF NONE OF
US MANAGE
TO PASS, WE
MAY LOSE OUR
CHANCE TO
SPEAK WITH THE
SAGE AGAIN.

I GUESS
WE SHOULD
ALL TRY TO
PASS HER
TRIAL.



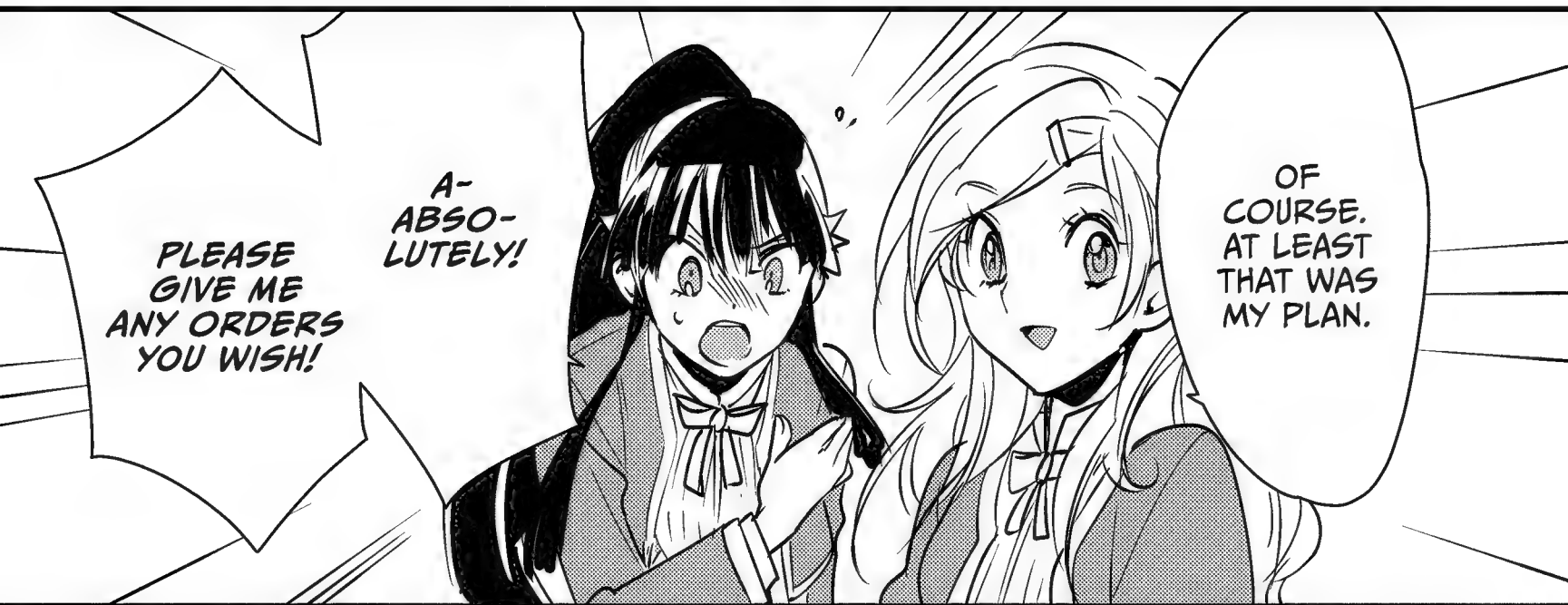
THE TRIAL
GAVE US
ONLY LASTS
A MONTH.
EVERYONE'S
ALREADY BEEN
DIVIDED INTO
GROUPS TO
ACCOMPLISH
IT.

ADDING A
NEW OBJECTIVE
ON TOP OF
ALL THAT WOULD
JUST CONFUSE
THINGS.



JUST
TO MAKE
SURE,

ARE YOU
PLANNING ON
WORKING
WITH US?



PLEASE
GIVE ME
ANY ORDERS
YOU WISH!

A-
ABSO-
LUTELY!

OF
COURSE.
AT LEAST
THAT WAS
MY PLAN.



YEAH,
A BIT.

OH? YOU
LOOK AWFULLY
DISAPPOINTED,
TAKATOU.

SMIRK

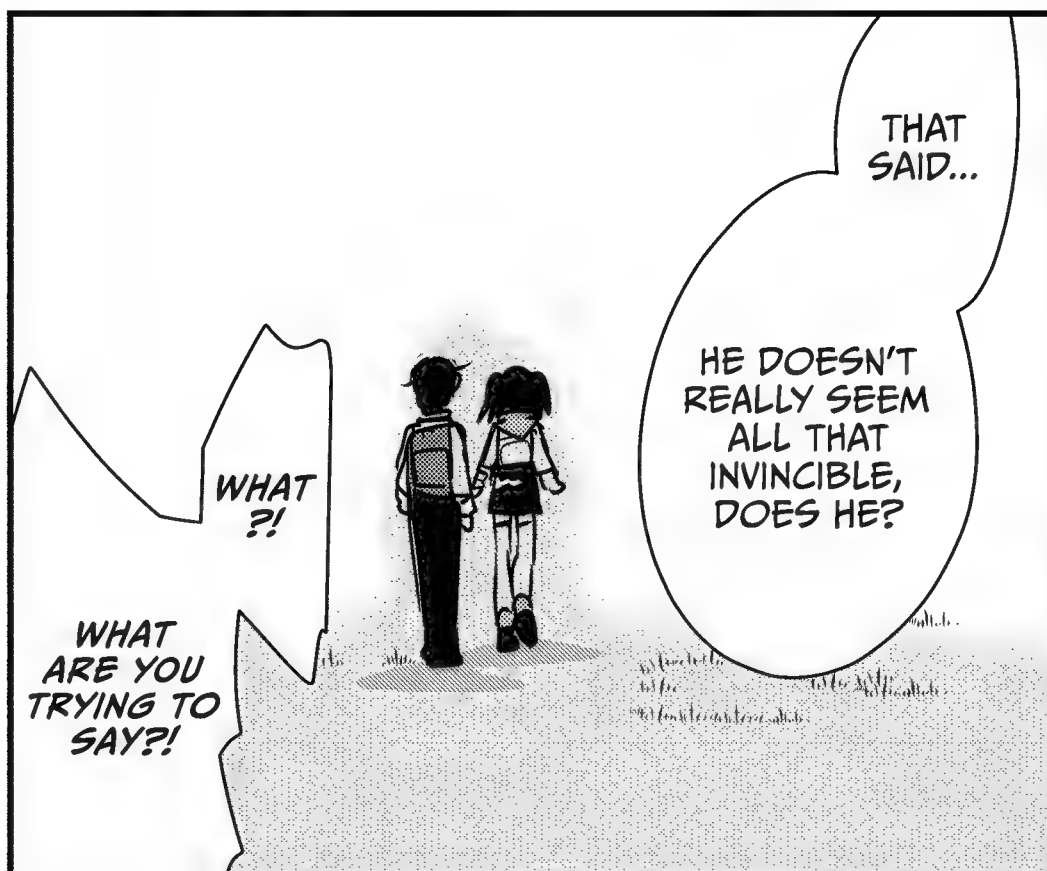
SMIRK

OH.
I GUESS
IF THE GUYS
AND GIRLS
ARE SEPARATE,
DANNOURA AND
I WILL HAVE
TO SPLIT UP.

FOR NOW,
I SUPPOSE
WE SHOULD
HEAD TO OUR
ROOMS.

OKAY!

HEY!

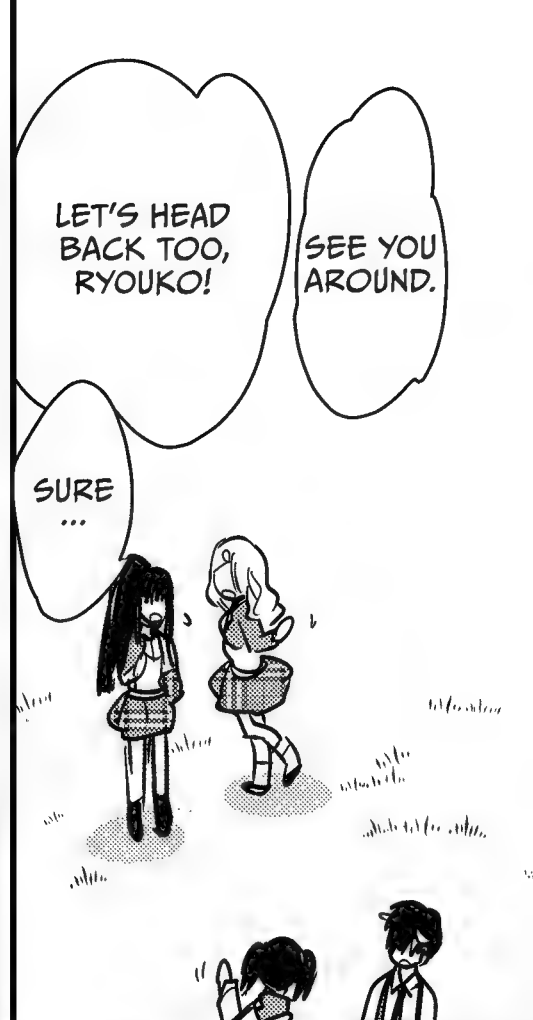


WHAT
?!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING TO
SAY?!

THAT
SAID...

HE DOESN'T
REALLY SEEM
ALL THAT
INVINCIBLE,
DOES HE?



LET'S HEAD
BACK TOO,
RYOUKO!

SEE YOU
AROUND.

SURE
...



TH-THAT'S
TRUE, BUT...

AND HE
WAS STUCK
UNDERGROUND
BY THE INSTITUTE
FOR SO LONG
TOO, WASN'T
HE?

I'M RIGHT,
AREN'T I?
HE GOT SENT
TO THIS WORLD
JUST LIKE THE
REST OF US.



SO
WHAT?

YOU CAN
MOVE HIM
AROUND OR
CONTAIN HIM
AGAINST
HIS WILL.

SO IF
YOU DON'T
INTEND TO
HURT HIM,



**SHUT
UP!**

SHE'D
MAKE
A GREAT
HOSTAGE IF
WE NEEDED TO
NEUTRALIZE
HIM—

HE
SEEMS
PRETTY
ATTACHED TO
TOMOCHIKA,
DOESN'T
HE?



FROM
NOW ON,

WE HAVE TO
KEEP TOMOCHIKA
DANNOURA SAFE!
EVEN IF IT COSTS
US OUR LIVES!

**F
W
P**

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
HAPPENED TO
THE LAST PEOPLE
WHO TRIED
THAT?!

HOSTAGE?!
ARE YOU STUPID?!
IT'S THE EXACT
OPPOSITE!



IF YOU
WANT TO DIE
SO BADLY, DO
IT YOURSELF!
I'D BE GLAD
TO HELP!

GLARE

YOU AND
YOUR AGENCY
CAN GO TO
HELL!

LEAVE ME
OUT OF THIS!
LEAVE HUMANITY
OUT OF THIS!
LEAVE THE *WORLD*
OUT OF THIS!

NO ONE IS
ALLOWED
TO DO
ANYTHING.

NOT
AGAINST
YOGIRI
TAKATOU.

AS FAR AS THE
INSTITUTE IS
CONCERNED, HE
IS A GOD OF
DISASTER.

NO MATTER
HOW HARMLESS
HE SEEMS, YOU
CAN'T LET
YOUR GUARD
DOWN FOR AN
INSTANT.

S-
SORRY...

THEY CAN DO
NOTHING BUT
ACCEPT THAT
DISASTER
WALKING
AMONG THEM.

HE'S TOO
MUCH FOR
HUMANITY
TO HANDLE.

THE ONLY WAY
TO PACIFY HIM
IS TO BEG ON
YOUR HANDS
AND KNEES.





THEY
HAVEN'T
EVALUATED
HIS POWER YET.
HE'S JUST HERE
TEMPORARILY.
WE DON'T KNOW
IF HE'S A
"LOSER."

YUUGO,

WELCOME
TO THE
LOSER'S
CLUB!

YO,
TAKATOU!
SO YOU'RE
STUCK WITH
US?



YEAH.

UHH...
WHO ARE
YOU GUYS
AGAIN?

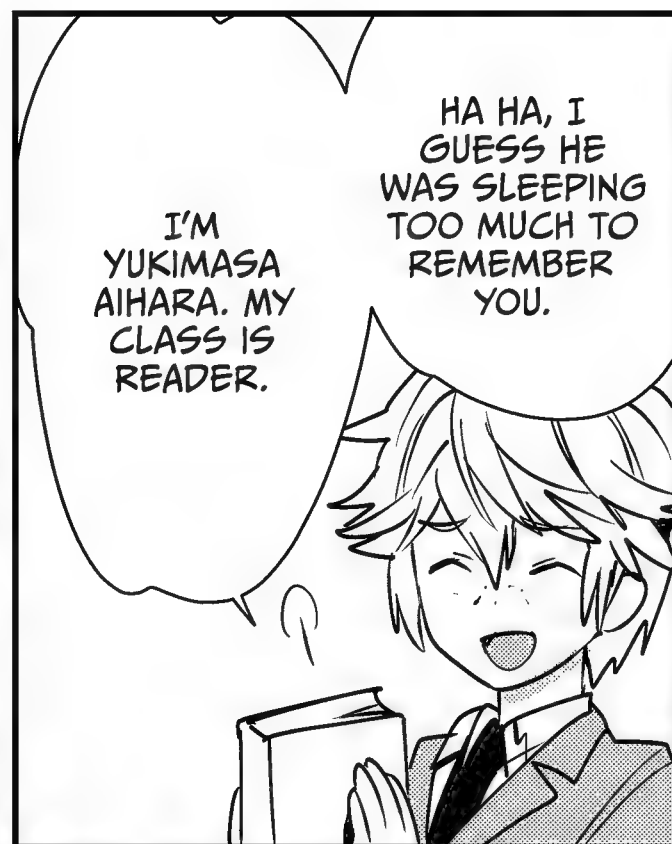
OH,
REALLY?

BUT I
THOUGHT
HIS POWER
JUST KILLED
BUGS.

I'M
YUUGO
IZUMIDA!
DON'T YOU
REMEMBER
ME TALKING
TO YOU ALL
THE TIME?!

WAIT,
SERIOUSLY?!







BEFORE
NOW,

SEIICHI...
FUKAI...

I WAS
NEVER
ALLOWED
TO TALK
TO YOU OR
LOOK AT YOU
DIRECTLY...



SURE...
BUT, UH,
WHO ARE
YOU?

HUH?
ME?



AND YOU
WANT TO
TALK TO
ME?

REALLY?



HEY, ARE
YOU SURE
IT'S OKAY TO
LET THIS GUY
INTO OUR
ROOM?

HE'S BEEN A
WEIRDO FROM
THE START, BUT
SINCE COMING TO
THIS WORLD, HE'S
COMPLETELY
LOST IT.



TALK...
YES...

I KNOW
ABOUT YOU,
TAKATOU...

NO, I
SUPPOSE
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO HIDE IT
ANYMORE...



LORD
OKAKUSHI.

...!

LO
OK
JUMP



SO THIS
GUY IS THE
OBSERVER
FROM THE
CULT?

A GOD
OF DEATH...

ONE WHO
HOLDS THE
FATES OF ALL
LIVING THINGS IN
HIS HANDS...

A TRULY
PEERLESS
ABILITY—

MUMBLE

MUMBLE

MUMBLE



GAH!

FLINCH

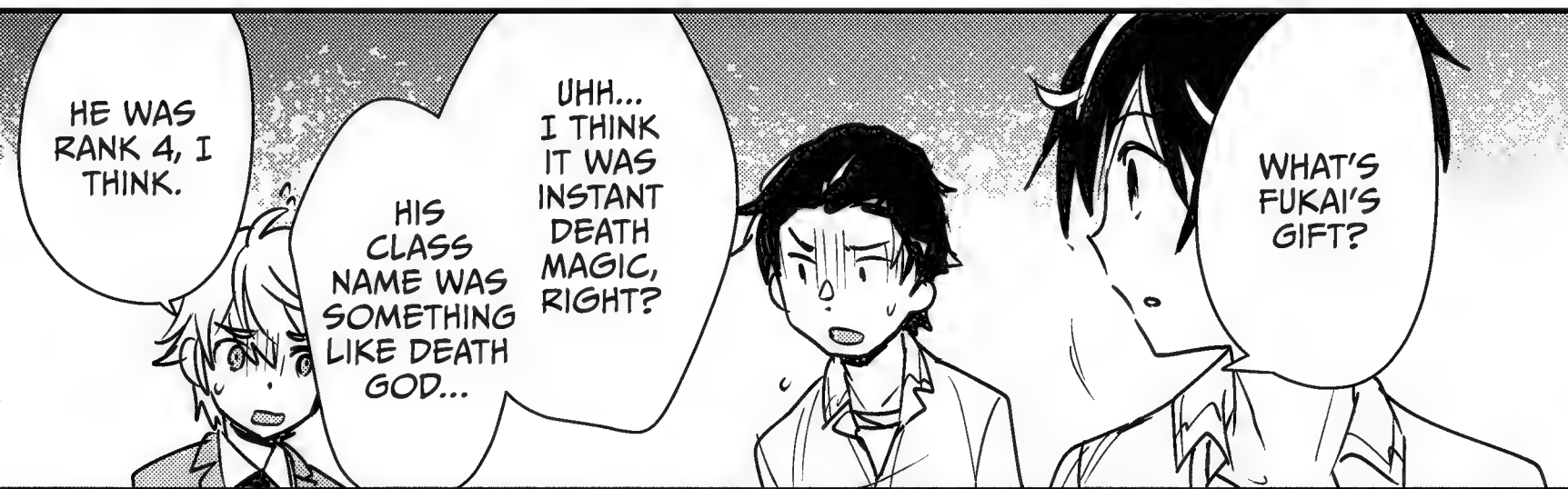
BUT
I WAS
ORDERED
TO WATCH
YOU,

SO I WAS
GIVEN THIS
HOLY EYE,
CAPABLE
OF SEEING
THE SUPER-
NATURAL...

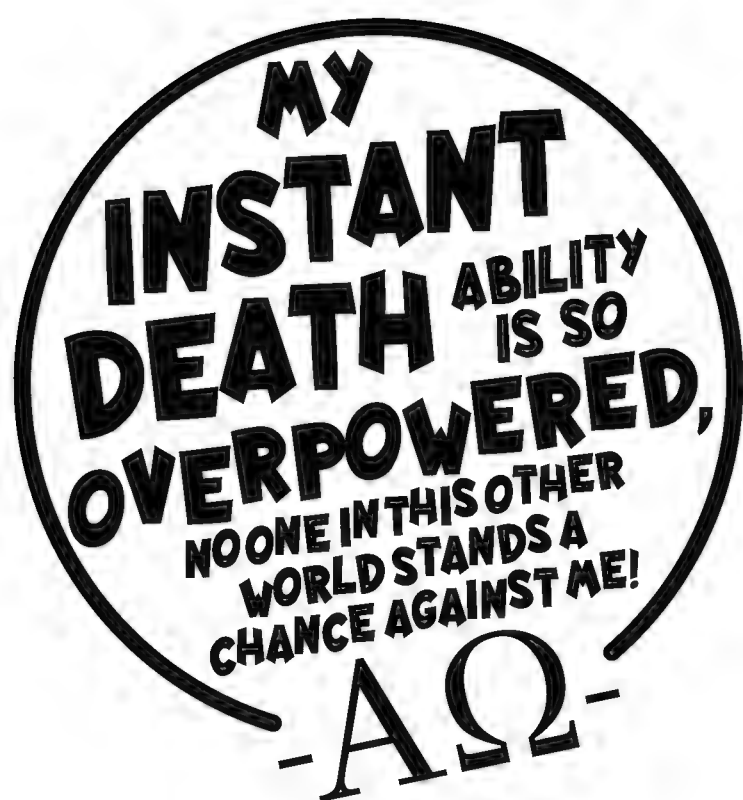
MY EYE WAS
GOUGED OUT
BECAUSE OF
THAT RULE...

"YOU MUST
NOT LOOK
DIRECTLY
AT LORD
OKAKUSHI."

CLACK... ♪...







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Chapter 37 — Return of the Divine King



TO REACH CASTLE
ENTRANCE WEST,
PLEASE TRANSFER
HERE TO THE LOCAL
TRAIN ON LINE 2—

PALACE EAST—
PALACE EAST—

NEXT STOP,
AXIS CHURCH
STATION.

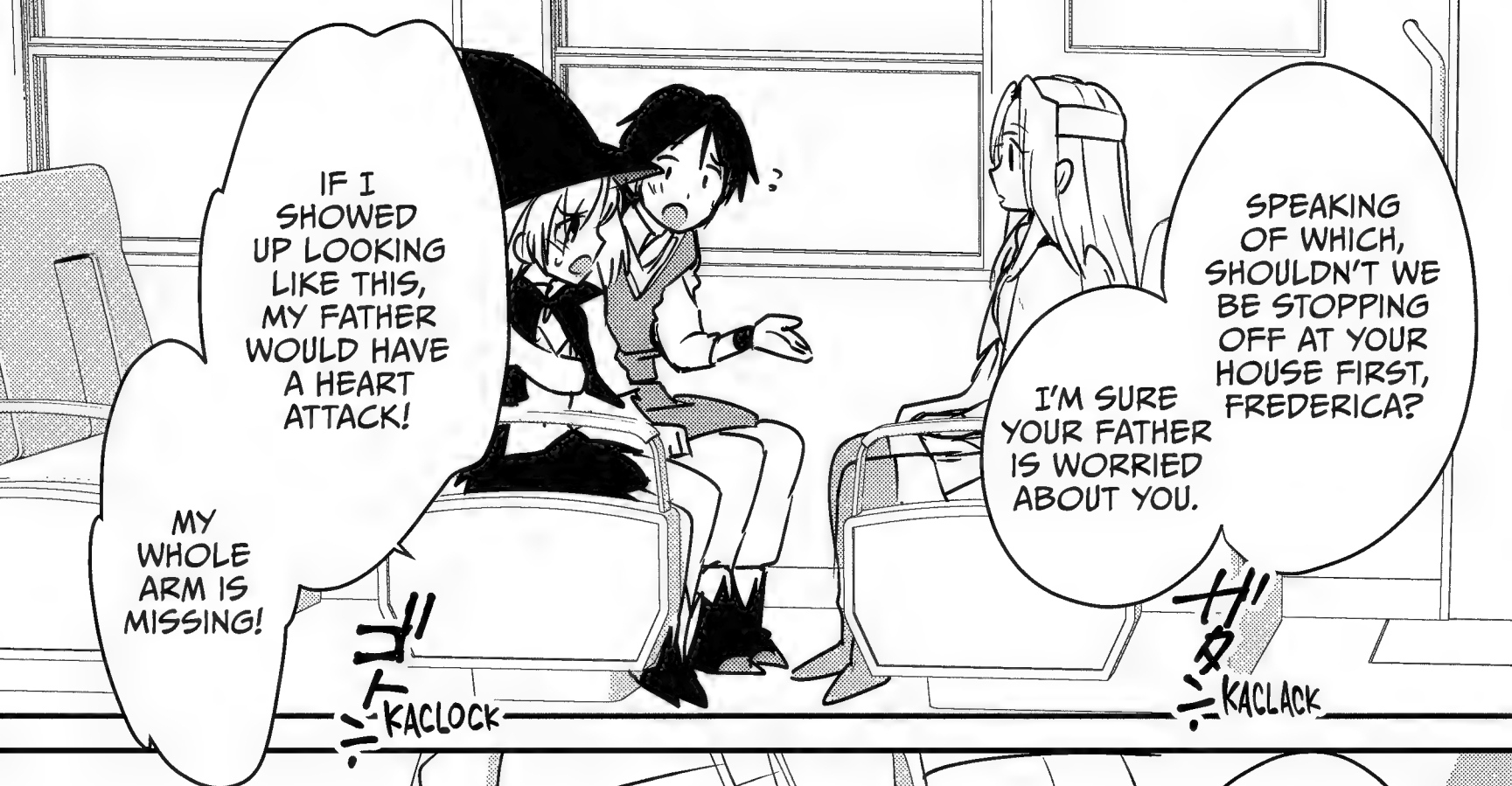
NO
F-BOW

THANKS FOR
EVERYTHING,
RICK.

THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
EFFORTS,
SWORD-
MASTER
RICK.

DIVINE
KING, MISS
FREDERICA,
SIR LYNEL.

I MUST
PAY A VISIT
TO THE
PALACE, SO
I WILL BE
TAKING MY
LEAVE HERE.





YOU'LL BE FINE ONCE YOUR ARM IS HEALED,

THAT WAS THE WHOLE POINT OF US TAKING THE TRIAL!

WHAT?! IF YOU QUIT, HOW WILL WE GET INTO THE UNDER-WORLD?!

IS IT TOO LATE TO QUIT?

Y-YEAH, ABOUT THAT...

BUT ME...?

KACLOCK
ガタニ
KACLOCK



Heh
heh
heh...

THEY WERE ALL POWERS GIVEN TO ME BY THAT GODDESS.

NOW I'M WORSE THAN AN ORDINARY PERSON.

THE APOLOGY STONES AND GACHA SYSTEM I'VE BEEN RELYING ON THIS WHOLE TIME ARE BOTH GONE.

Heh
heh...



HMM.

IF THAT IS THE CASE...

OH... I DON'T KNOW.

I GUESS NOTHING SUPER UNLUCKY HAS HAPPENED SINCE WE LEFT THE TOWER...

UH... YOU MEAN YOUR BAD LUCK IS ALL YOU HAVE LEFT?

DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU'LL DIE IN NO TIME?

ガタニ
KACLOCK



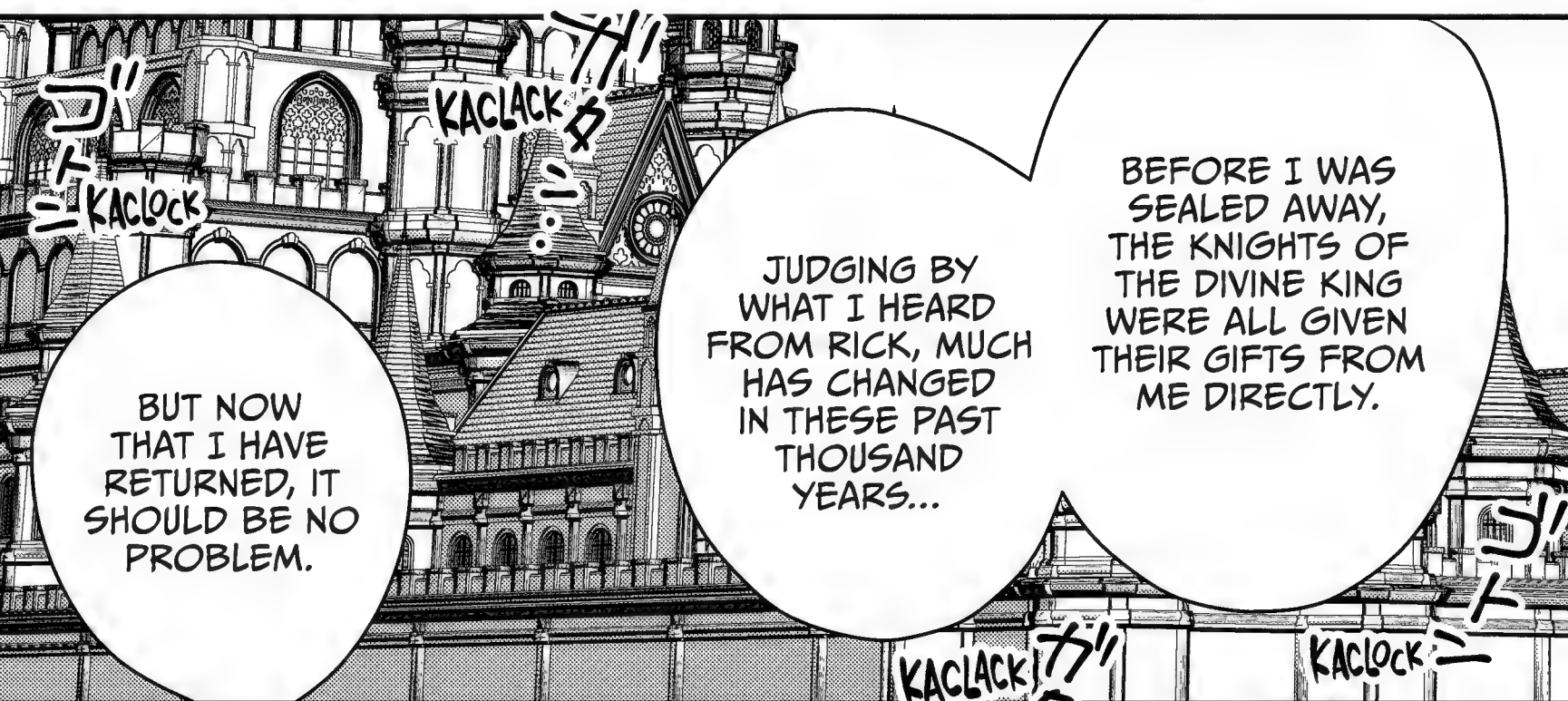
WHAAAT?!
WHY DOES HE
GET SPECIAL
TREATMENT?!

WHAT?!

I'VE HEARD
RUMORS
ABOUT THE
SWORDMASTER'S
GIFT, BUT FROM
THE DIVINE KING
HERSELF?!

I AM THE
DIVINE KING.
WHY DON'T
I GIVE YOU
THE GIFT
MYSELF?

Now I'm
jealous!



BUT NOW
THAT I HAVE
RETURNED, IT
SHOULD BE NO
PROBLEM.

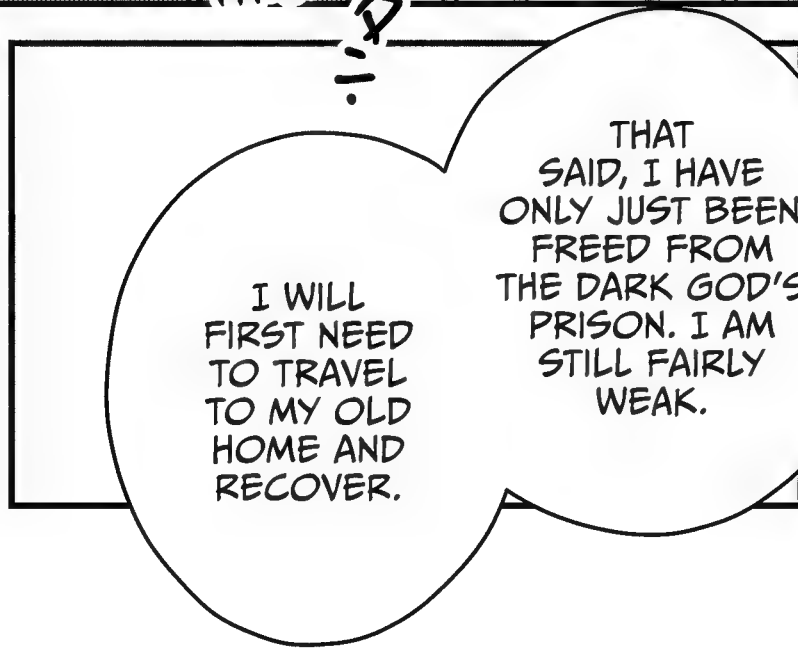
JUDGING BY
WHAT I HEARD
FROM RICK, MUCH
HAS CHANGED
IN THESE PAST
THOUSAND
YEARS...

BEFORE I WAS
SEALED AWAY,
THE KNIGHTS OF
THE DIVINE KING
WERE ALL GIVEN
THEIR GIFTS FROM
ME DIRECTLY.



I'm
sorry...

OH...
I GUESS
YOU *WERE*
GONE FOR A
THOUSAND
YEARS,
WEREN'T
YOU?



I WILL
FIRST NEED
TO TRAVEL
TO MY OLD
HOME AND
RECOVER.

THAT
SAID, I HAVE
ONLY JUST BEEN
FREED FROM
THE DARK GOD'S
PRISON. I AM
STILL FAIRLY
WEAK.

SEEING MY
OLD HOME-
TOWN TURN
INTO SUCH A
PROSPEROUS
CITY...

A THOU-
SAND
YEARS...

EVERYTHING
IS A SURPRISE
TO ME NOW.

SEEING
THESE
INCREDIBLY
CONVENIENT
STEAM
ENGINES...

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THOUGH I
HAVEN'T LIVED
THERE FOR
AT LEAST A
THOUSAND
YEARS.

NOW
WITHIN THE
AXIS CHURCH IT
IS CALLED THE
SEAT OF THE
DIVINE KING,

MY HOME
USED TO BE
CALLED "THE
SHRINE."

NEXT STOP,
AXIS CHURCH
STATION.
WE WILL BE
ARRIVING
SHORTLY.

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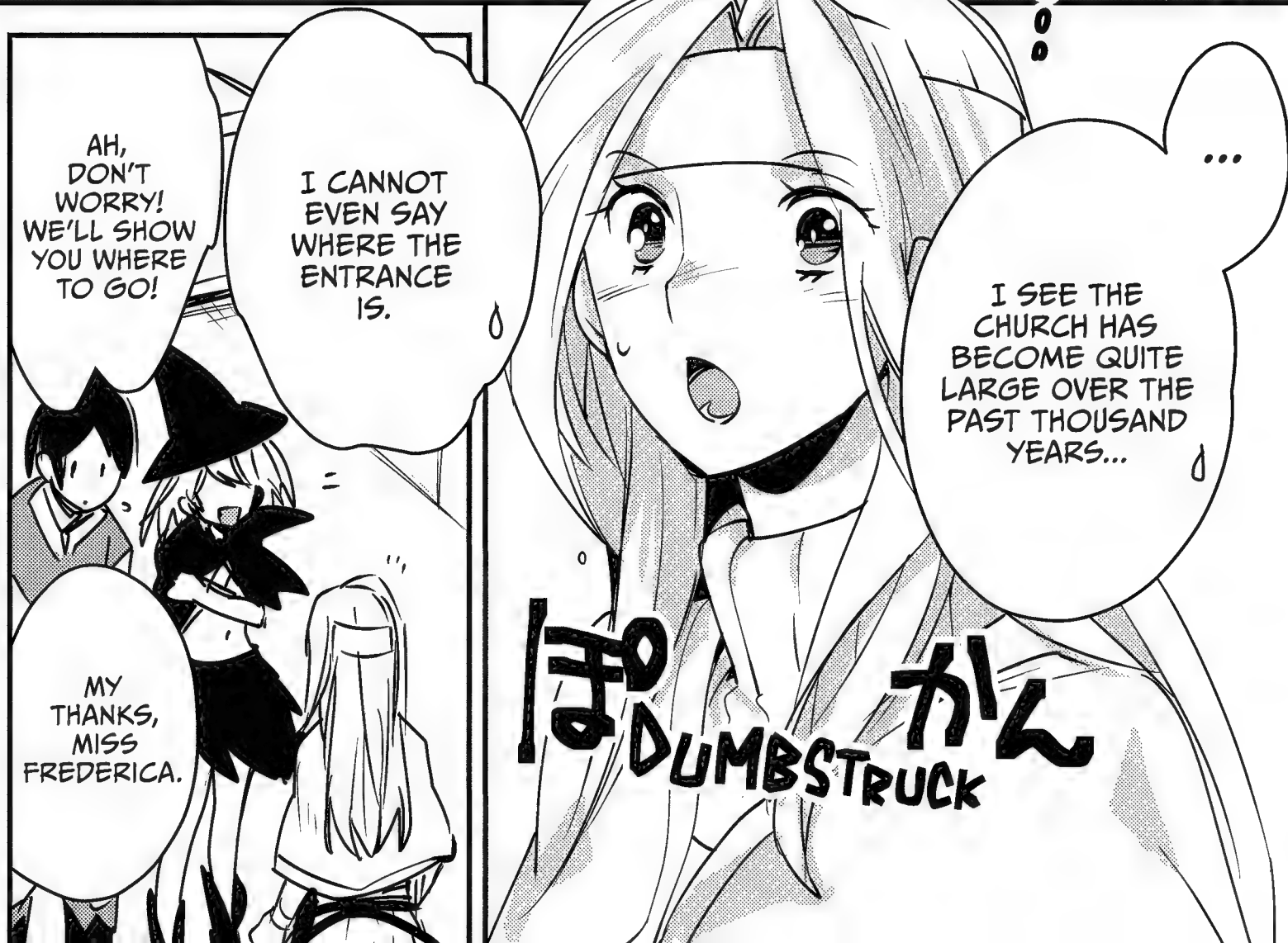
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AXIS CHURCH
STATION—
AXIS CHURCH
STATION—

NEXT STOP,
UNDERWORLD
GATE THREE.

PSYCH
HEHEHE!



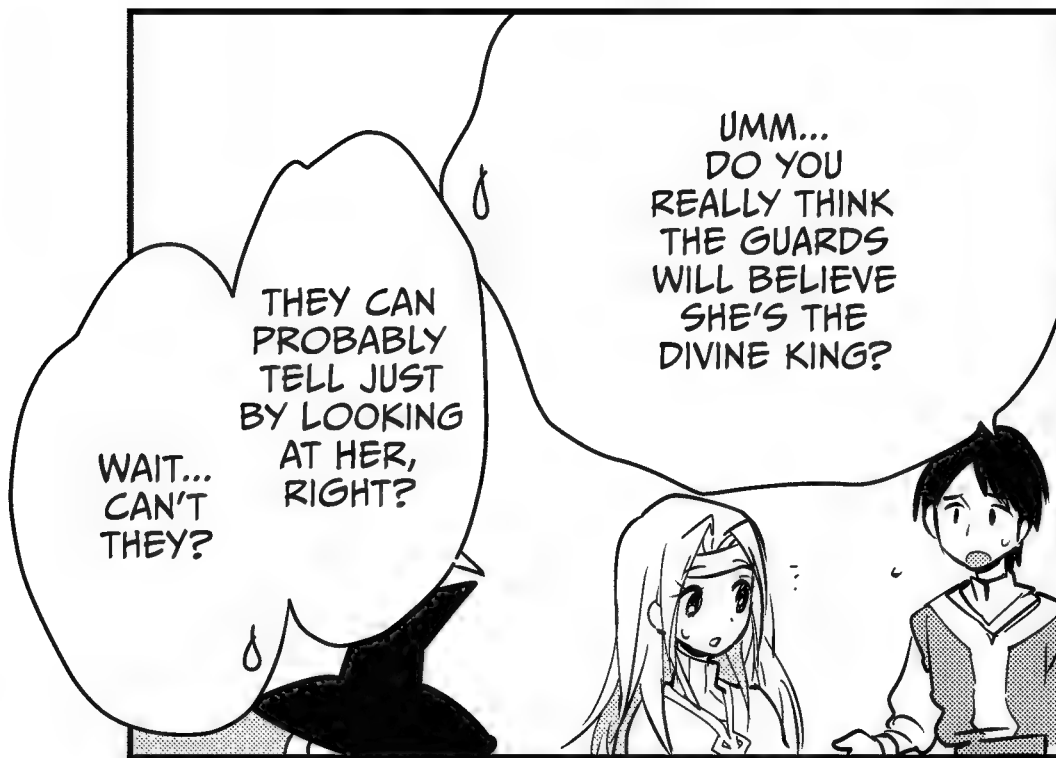
AH,
DON'T
WORRY!
WE'LL SHOW
YOU WHERE
TO GO!

I CANNOT
EVEN SAY
WHERE THE
ENTRANCE
IS.

I SEE THE
CHURCH HAS
BECOME QUITE
LARGE OVER THE
PAST THOUSAND
YEARS...

MY
THANKS,
MISS
FREDERICA.

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DUMBSTRUCK



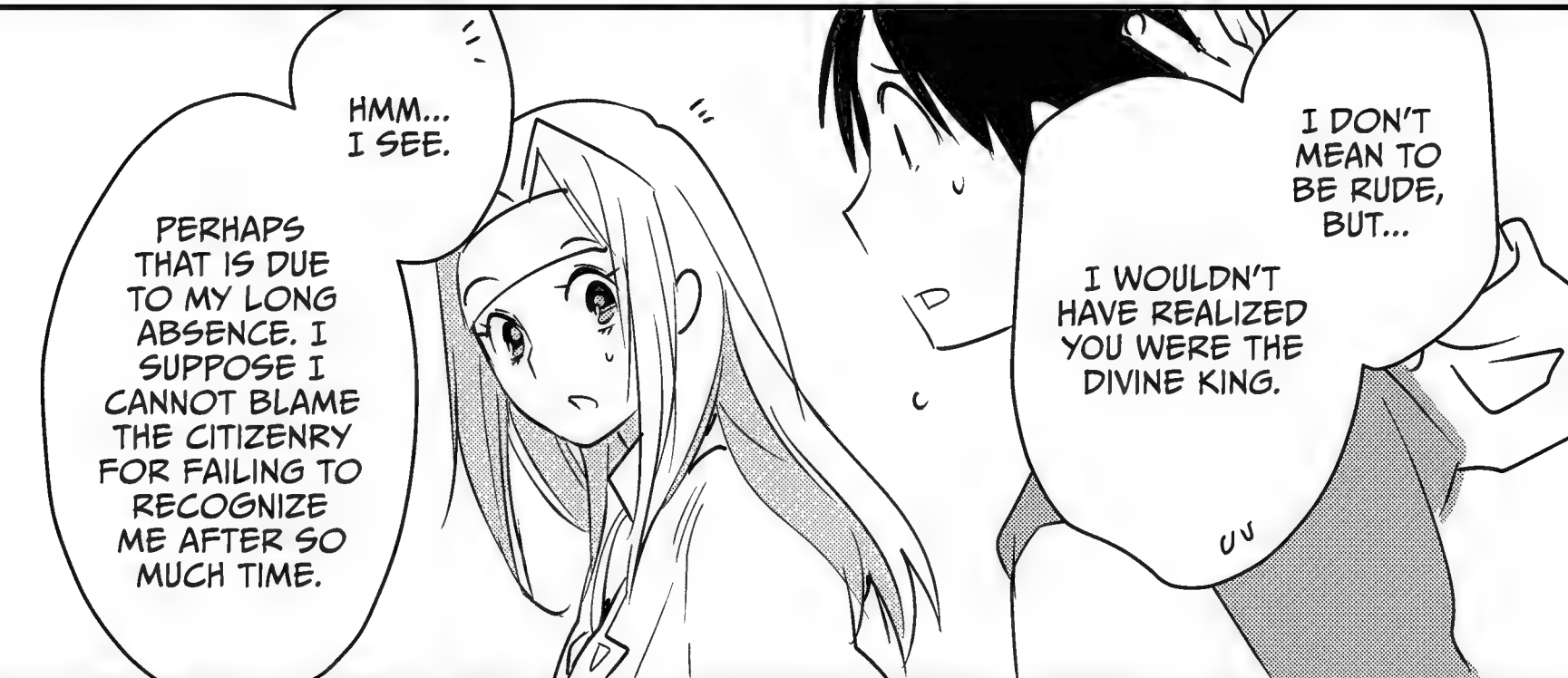
WAIT...
CAN'T
THEY?

THEY CAN
PROBABLY
TELL JUST
BY LOOKING
AT HER,
RIGHT?

UMM...
DO YOU
REALLY THINK
THE GUARDS
WILL BELIEVE
SHE'S THE
DIVINE KING?



THIS
IS THE
ENTRANCE
FOR NOBILITY.
WE'LL GO
INSIDE WITH
YOU!

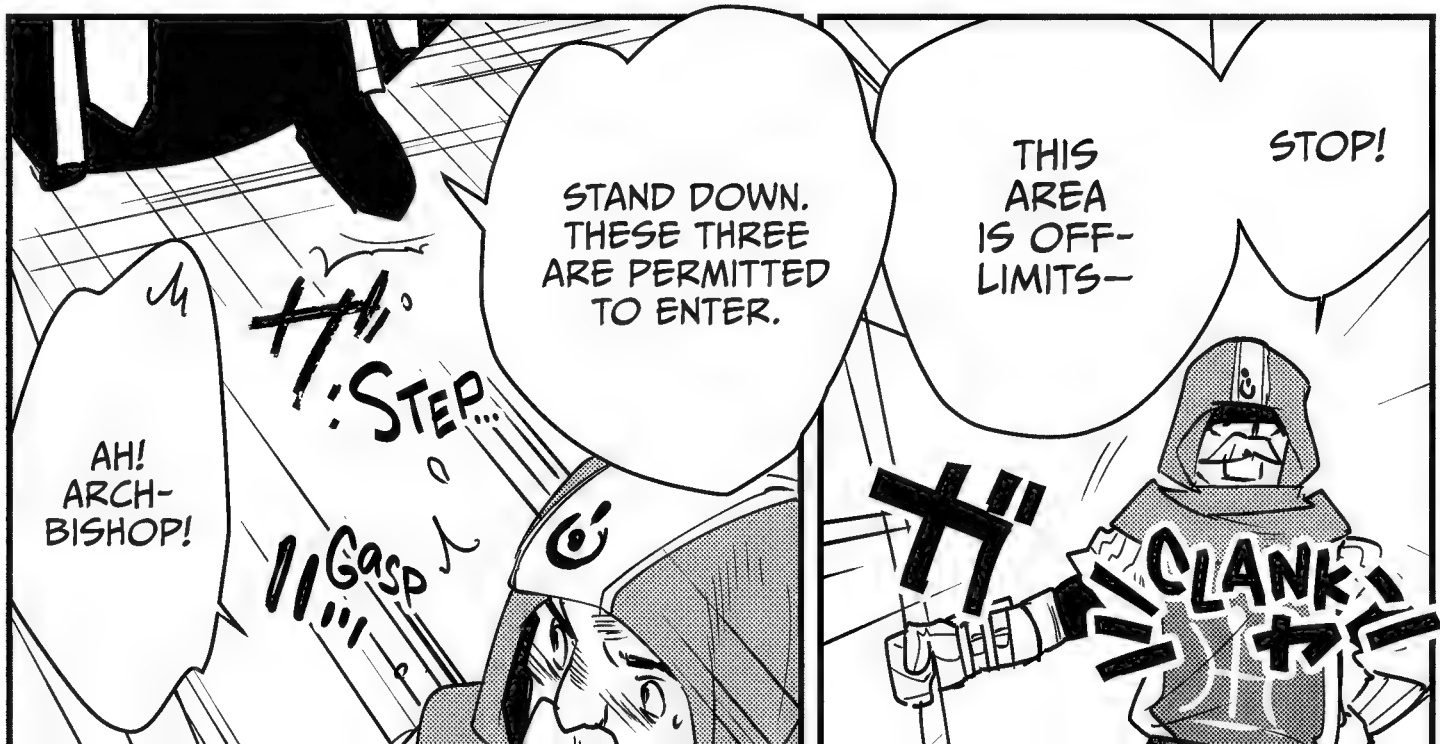


HMM...
I SEE.

PERHAPS
THAT IS DUE
TO MY LONG
ABSENCE. I
SUPPOSE I
CANNOT BLAME
THE CITIZENRY
FOR FAILING TO
RECOGNIZE
ME AFTER SO
MUCH TIME.

I WOULDN'T
HAVE REALIZED
YOU WERE THE
DIVINE KING.

I DON'T
MEAN TO
BE RUDE,
BUT...



AH!
ARCH-
BISHOP!

STEP...
Gasp

STAND DOWN.
THESE THREE
ARE PERMITTED
TO ENTER.

THIS
AREA
IS OFF-
LIMITS—

STOP!

CLANK



WELCOME
HOME, DIVINE
KING.



I AM
HOLARIS,
CURRENTLY
CHARGED WITH
THE ROLE OF
ARCHBISHOP.

I COULD
NOT FAIL TO
NOTICE THE
DIVINE KING'S
BRILLIANCE...

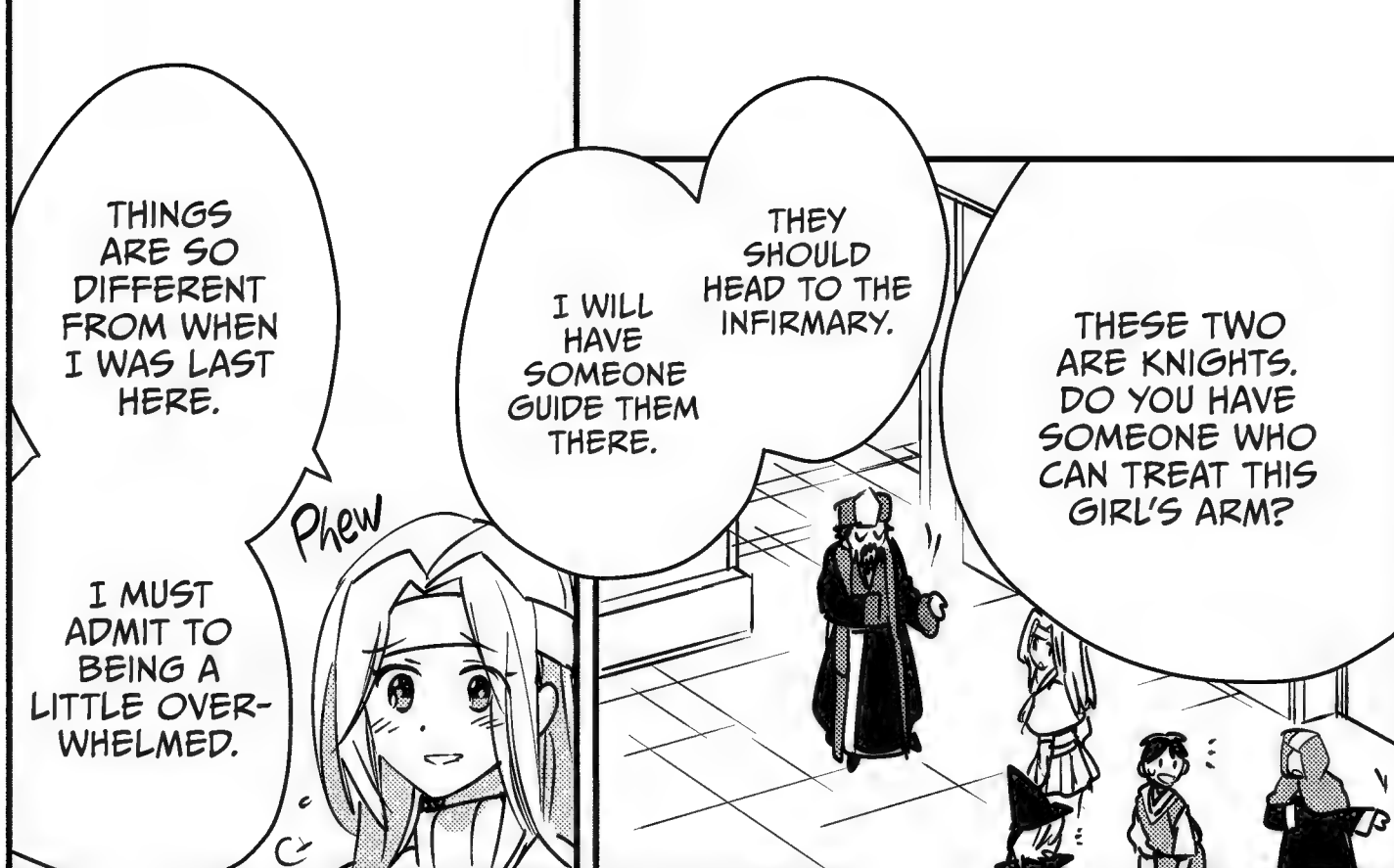


SOME
PEOPLE DO
RECOGNIZE
ME.

SEE?

Heh

Whoa...



THINGS ARE SO DIFFERENT FROM WHEN I WAS LAST HERE.

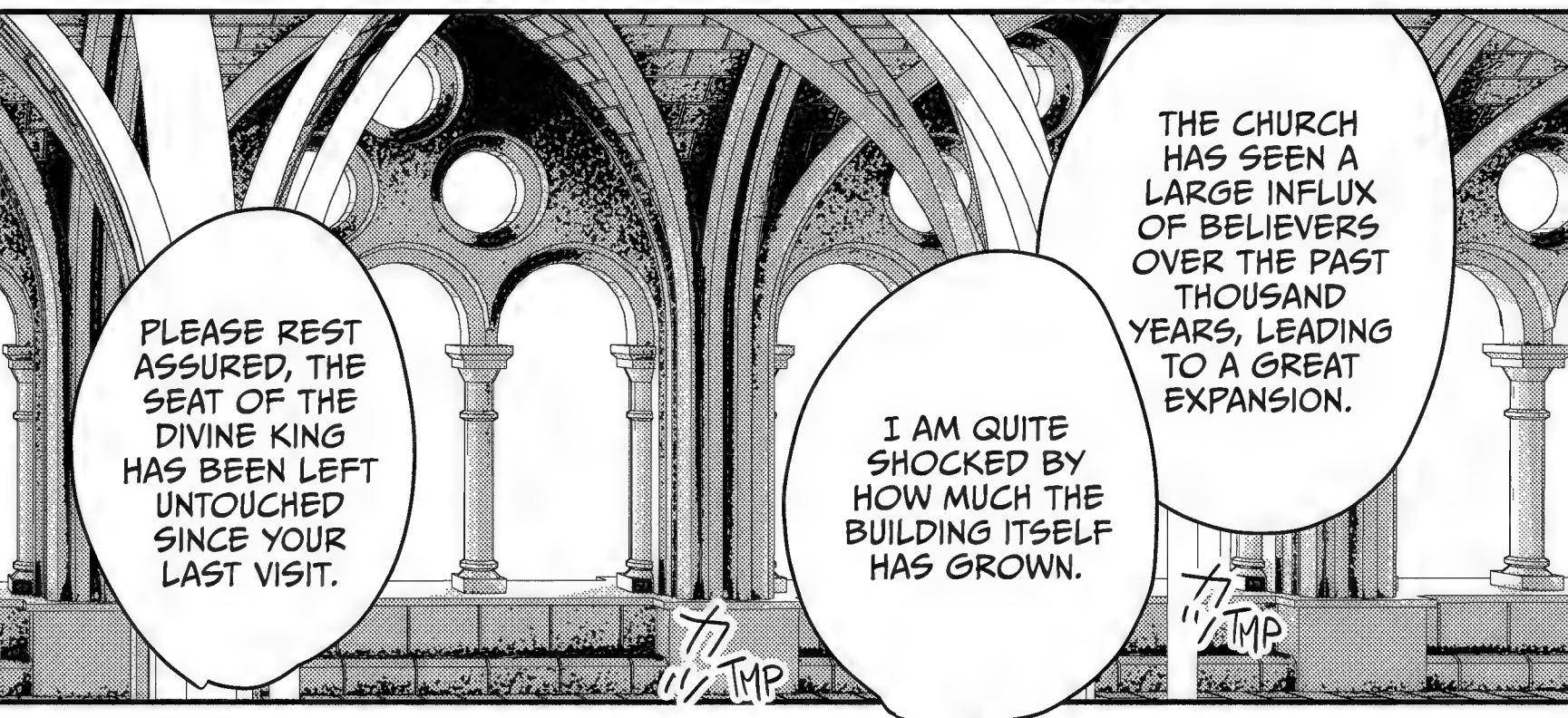
I WILL HAVE SOMEONE GUIDE THEM THERE.

THEY SHOULD HEAD TO THE INFIRMARY.

THESE TWO ARE KNIGHTS. DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO CAN TREAT THIS GIRL'S ARM?

Phew

I MUST ADMIT TO BEING A LITTLE OVERWHELMED.



PLEASE REST ASSURED, THE SEAT OF THE DIVINE KING HAS BEEN LEFT UNTOUCHED SINCE YOUR LAST VISIT.

I AM QUITE SHOCKED BY HOW MUCH THE BUILDING ITSELF HAS GROWN.

THE CHURCH HAS SEEN A LARGE INFLUX OF BELIEVERS OVER THE PAST THOUSAND YEARS, LEADING TO A GREAT EXPANSION.

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IT SEEMS THE CHURCH HAS CHANGED MUCH SINCE I WAS GONE.

I suppose that's fine, though.

THERE ARE TEN ARCHBISHOPS INCLUDING MYSELF, BUT I AM THE ONLY ONE STATIONED IN THE CAPITAL.

ONLY THE ARCHBISHOPS ARE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE HEART OF THE CHURCH, WHERE IT LIES, SO I HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING IT CLEAN.

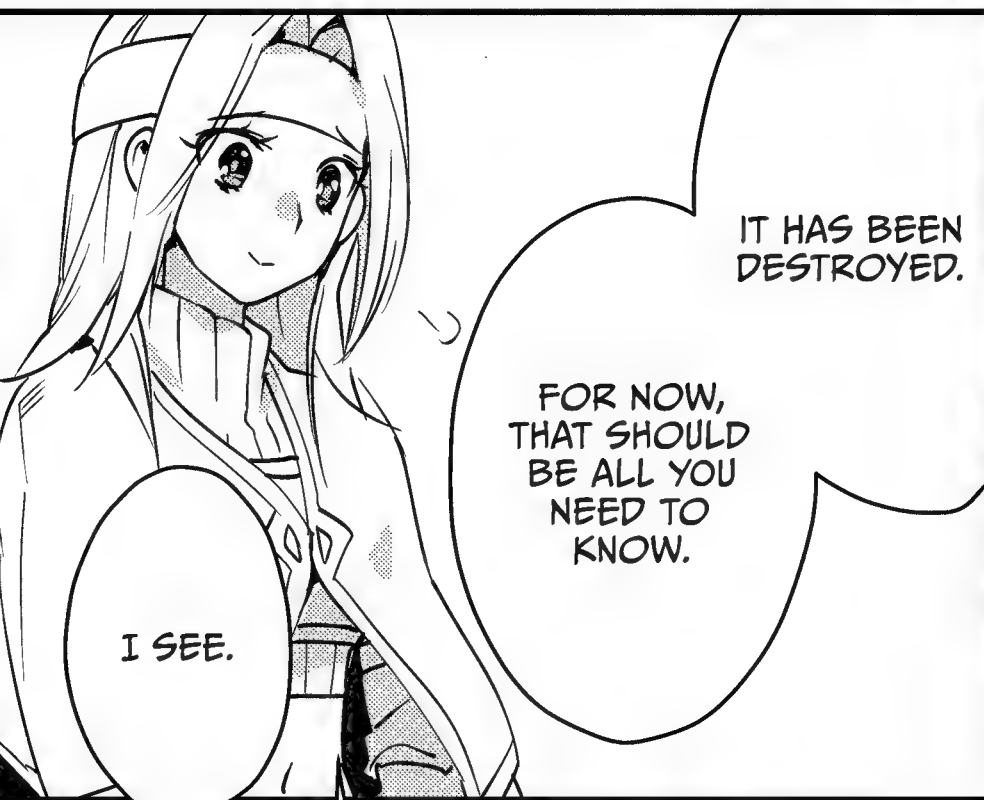
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PLEASE
FEEL FREE
TO RELAX
WITHIN. NO
OTHERS ARE
PERMITTED
ENTRY HERE.

BUT OF
COURSE.

! AH,
MY HOME
LOOKS JUST
AS IT USED
TO.



I SEE.

IT HAS BEEN
DESTROYED.

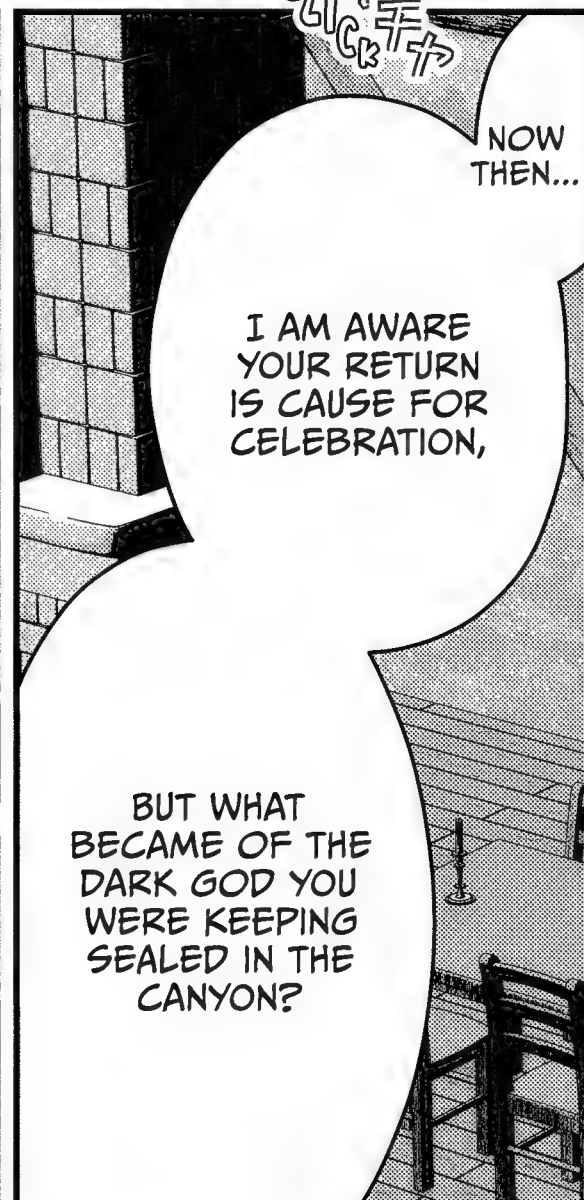
FOR NOW,
THAT SHOULD
BE ALL YOU
NEED TO
KNOW.



KEY?

WHAT
IS THAT?

THEN WHAT
ABOUT THE
KEY TO THE
SEAL?



CLICK
F
F
F
NOW
THEN...

I AM AWARE
YOUR RETURN
IS CAUSE FOR
CELEBRATION,

BUT WHAT
BECAME OF THE
DARK GOD YOU
WERE KEEPING
SEALED IN THE
CANYON?

I THOUGHT
THERE WAS
LESS THAN A
ONE IN A MILLION
CHANCE YOU
WOULD EVER
RETURN.



BUT IT
PAYS TO BE
PREPARED
FOR ANY
EVENTUALITY.

...?

ARCHBI—



IT
APPEARS
YOU ARE
NOT MERELY
PLAYING THE
FOOL.

SHP...



EVEN NOW,
THOSE OF THE
CHURCH EXHAUST
THEIR LIVES FOR
THE SAKE OF
THE PEOPLE.

WE
ARCHBISHOPS
SERVE ONLY AS
REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE DIVINE
KING.

THERE
IS NO NEED
FOR YOU TO
WORRY.

SO, EVEN
THE CHURCH
ITSELF HAS
BECOME
CORRUPT
AFTER A
THOUSAND
YEARS?

I LET MY
GUARD
DOWN!

A PARA-
LYZING
TRAP!

UGH...!

CR...

CRK

CRK

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IMP



I WILL
NOT KILL
YOU.

AFTER ALL,
THAT WOULD
ALLOW YOU TO
REINCARNATE,
WOULDN'T IT?

UGH...!

SNAP..

MY WHOLE
BODY...IS
ALREADY
PARALYZED...!

WE WILL
CONTINUE
AS WE
ALWAYS
HAVE,

WITH OUR
FIGUREHEAD,
THE DIVINE
KING, SEALED
AWAY.

I SHOULD
HAVE WAITED
TO RETURN
UNTIL I HAD
RECOVERED MY
POWERS!

I UNDER-
ESTIMATED
HOW MUCH
COULD
CHANGE...

AFTER A
THOUSAND
YEARS!

POP

SNAP

POP

BENEATH
THE PALACE

UNDER-
WORLD
ENTRANCE

SO,

YOU ARE
THE SECOND
GROUP INVESTIGATING THE
UNDERWORLD,
RIGHT?

HUH?

AREN'T YOU
SUPPOSED TO
BE GUARDING
THE GATE?

WORK
INVOLVING THE
UNDERWORLD
ALWAYS TAKES
PRIORITY.

I AM DAVID,
OF THE ROYAL
FAMILY.

THAT'S
ACTUALLY
A BIT OF A δ
PROBLEM,

SINCE
WE'RE HERE
TO SCOUT
AND ALL.

OH, IS
THAT SO?
THEN I WILL
TURN OFF MY
POWER FOR
YOU.

THE ROYAL
FAMILY
POSSESSES
A POWER TO
SUPPRESS
OTHERS'
ABILITIES.

I CAN
COMPLETELY
DISABLE THE
POWERS OF
MONSTERS ON THE
EARLIER LEVELS,
SO YOU WILL BE
QUITE SAFE
WITH ME.



MY CLASS
IS CONSULTANT,
AND I'M THE
LEADER OF
THIS GROUP.

SORRY
FOR THE LATE
INTRODUCTION.
MY NAME
IS HARUTO
OOTORI.



SHINYA
USHIO.
EROGE
MASTER.

I'M SUGURU
YAZAKI, THE
GENERAL.

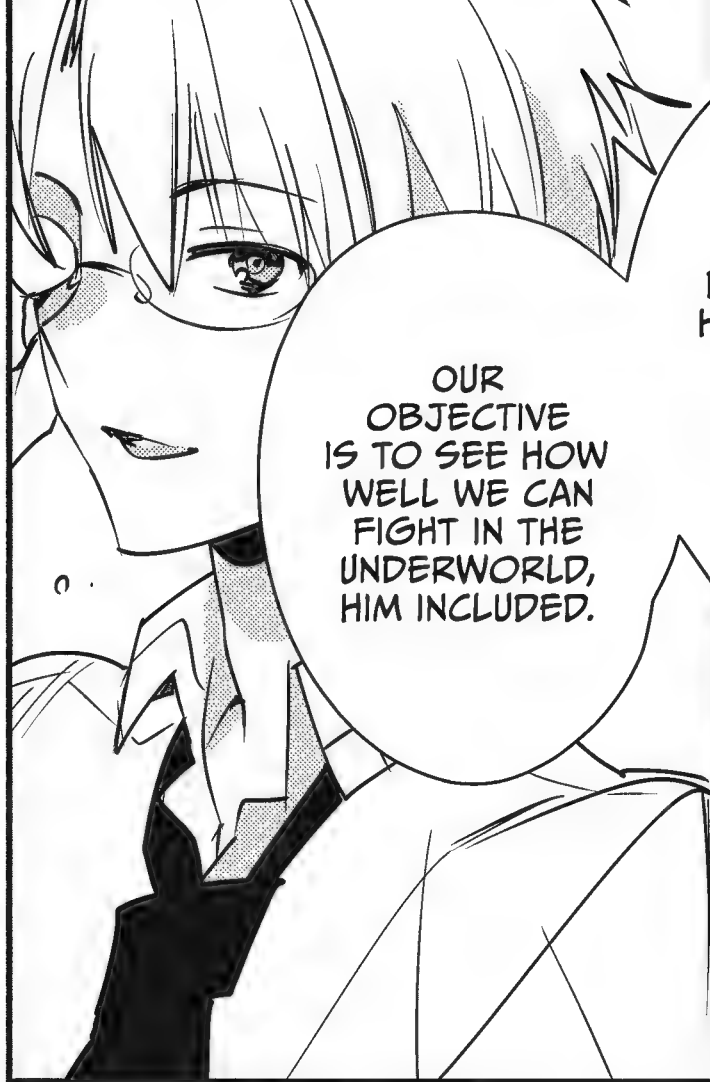


I'M YOGIRI
TAKATOU. MY
CLASS IS...UHH,
INSECT HUNTER.

SEICHI
FUKAI...

...DEATH
GOD.

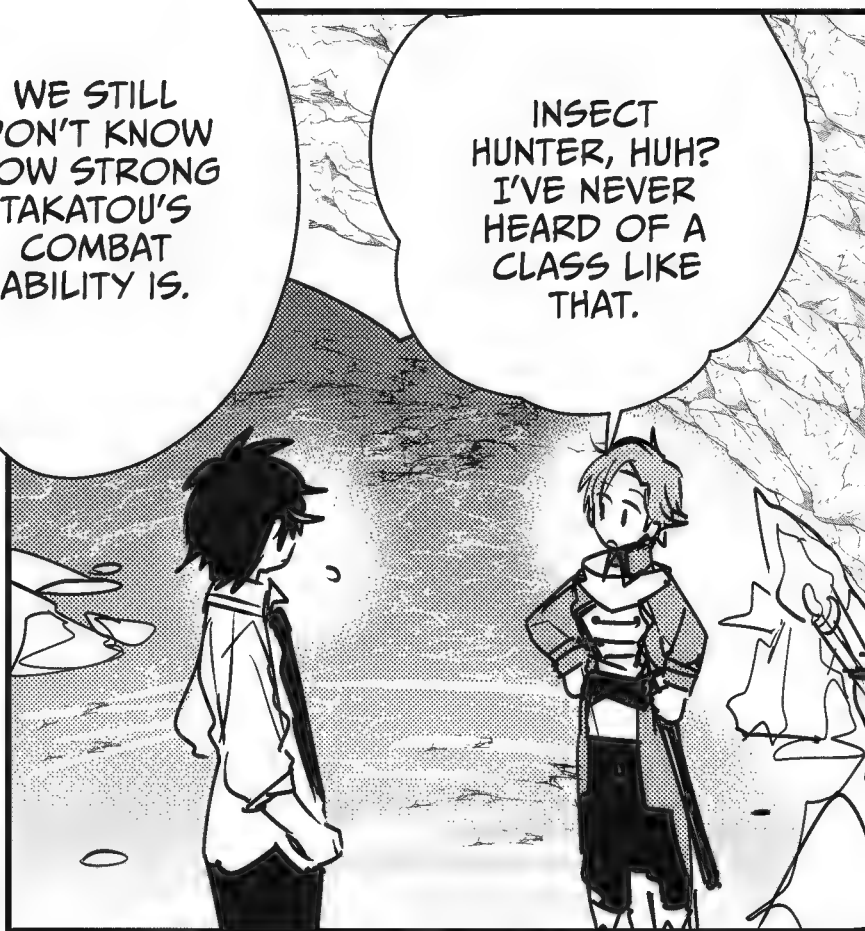
...RIGHT?



OUR
OBJECTIVE
IS TO SEE HOW
WELL WE CAN
FIGHT IN THE
UNDERWORLD,
HIM INCLUDED.

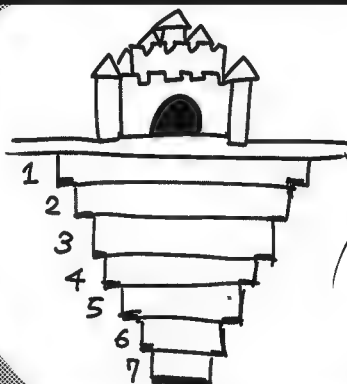
WE STILL
DON'T KNOW
HOW STRONG
TAKATOU'S
COMBAT
ABILITY IS.

INSECT
HUNTER, HUH?
I'VE NEVER
HEARD OF A
CLASS LIKE
THAT.



FLOOR
ONE?

IN THAT CASE,
LET ME TAKE YOU
SOMEWHERE ON
FLOOR ONE WHERE
WE'LL FIND PLENTY
OF MONSTERS.



EVERY TIME
THE WALLS SHRINK,
WE CALL IT A NEW
FLOOR, DIVIDING
IT UP INTO SEVEN
FLOORS TOTAL.

IN SIMPLE
TERMS, THE
UNDERWORLD IS
SHAPED LIKE A
FUNNEL.



THE UNDERWORLD IS ENTIRELY UNDERGROUND, SO THE CAPITAL WAS BUILT ON TOP OF IT.

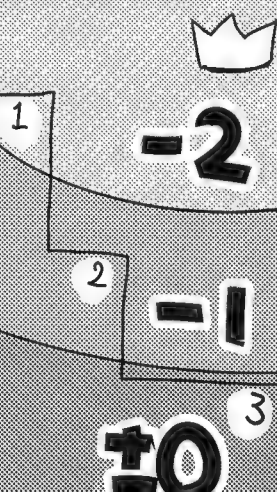
THE FARTHER AWAY YOU MOVE FROM THE KING, THE WEAKER THE SEAL BECOMES.

BY THE TIME YOU REACH FLOOR 3, THE KING'S POWER WON'T AFFECT YOU AT ALL.

WHOEVER IN THE ROYAL FAMILY HAS THE STRONGEST SEALING POWER BECOMES KING FOR THAT GENERATION, WORKING TO STOP THE MONSTERS FROM COMING UP TO THE SURFACE.

ON FLOOR 2, YOU WILL LOSE ONE RANK, AND ON FLOORS 3 AND BELOW, YOU WON'T LOSE ANY.

ON FLOOR 1, ALL SKILLS WILL LOSE TWO RANKS, JUST LIKE ON THE SURFACE.



THE FIRST FLOOR IS A 10-KILOMETER-WIDE RING AND HAS A DIAMETER OF 140 KILOMETERS.

THE SECOND FLOOR IS ALSO 10 KILOMETERS WIDE, BUT ITS DIAMETER IS ONLY 120 KILOMETERS.

FWOO...

THERE'S ABOUT A KILOMETER VERTICALLY BETWEEN EACH FLOOR.

THE WALL FACE IS BASICALLY FLAT, SO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FALL.

IT'S SO FAR ACROSS, I CAN'T EVEN SEE THE OTHER SIDE...

IT'S JUST EMPTY SPACE ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

HUH?!

HERE IS THE CENTER OF FLOOR ONE.

IT'S EASIER TO UNDERSTAND IF YOU CAN SEE IT FOR YOURSELF.

?

FWOO...

ゴ

AH...

IF YOU JUMP
OFF HERE
AND GLIDE
DIAGONALLY,
YOU'D REACH
THE BOTTOM
FLOOR?

FWOOO!!

WHAT?!

**YOU'VE
ONLY
FIGURED
OUT THREE
FLOORS?!**

WE'VE
MAPPED OUT
THE UNDERWORLD
DOWN TO FLOOR
3, BUT AFTER THAT,
YOU'LL HAVE TO
FIND THE WAY
YOURSELVES.

SO IF YOU
WANT TO GO
DOWN, YOUR
BEST BET IS
FINDING THE
ENTRANCE THAT
CONNECTS TO
THE NEXT
FLOOR.

CULLING THE MONSTERS ON THE FIRST TWO FLOORS IS ENOUGH.

OF COURSE. WE
DON'T CARE ABOUT
CLEARING OUT THE
UNDERWORLD, ONLY
PROTECTING THE
PEOPLE ON THE
SURFACE.

SO
THE CAPITAL
HAS SPENT THE
PAST THOUSAND
YEARS JUST TRYING
TO KEEP THE
UNDERWORLD
IN CHECK...

FIGHTING
MONSTERS ON
FLOOR ONE PAYS
WELL ENOUGH FOR
THE EXPLORERS
TO SUPPORT
THEMSELVES,

OF COURSE,
IN RARE CASES
SOME EXPLORERS
HAVE GONE FARTHER
DOWN TO TRY AND
MAKE A NAME FOR
THEMSELVES, BUT
THEY'VE NEVER
MADE IT BACK.





YAAA-
AAH!

THINK

Graaaaah!

SH

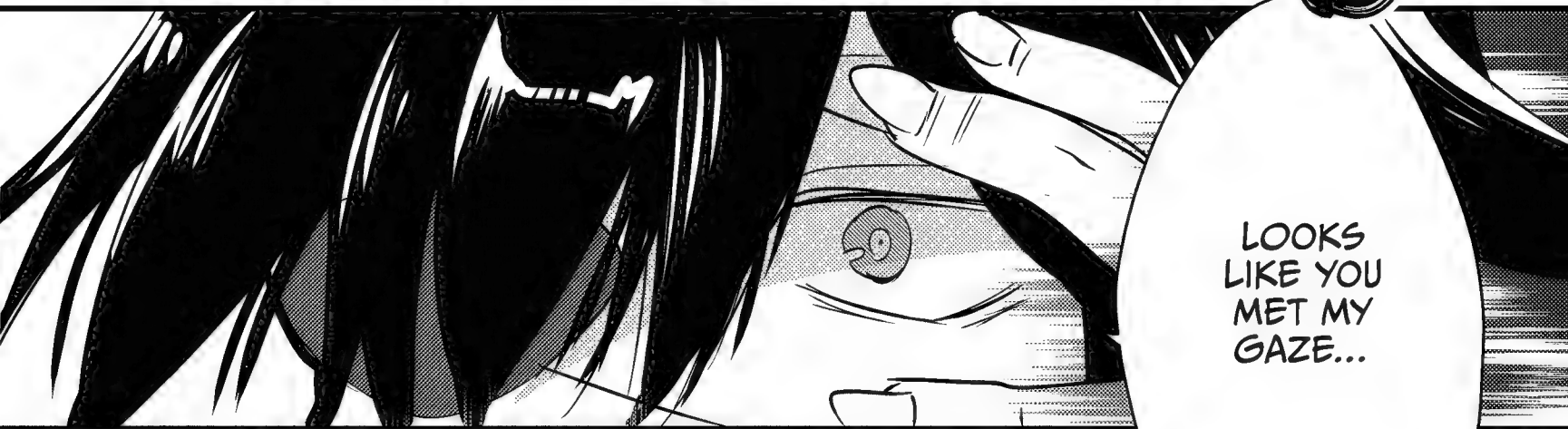
THEY
HAVE THE
SAME WEAK
SPOTS!

NK

THAT
MEANS...

ASIDE FROM
HAVING FOUR
ARMS, THEY
AREN'T MUCH
DIFFERENT FROM
PRIMATES ON
EARTH.

SHING...







GRRARR!

FWP

SHP

IF I
DODGE
THE LINES
OF KILLING
INTENT,

AND
KEEP MY
SWORD ON
TOP OF
THEM,

THEN THE
ENEMIES
WILL STAB
THEMSELVES.

RAA-
AGH!

SHK

SHK

THINK

REPEAT
UNTIL THEY'RE
EXHAUSTED-

THEN
FINISH THEM
OFF!


YOUR
SWORDS-
MANSHIP IS
MEDIOCRE,
BUT YOU
NEVER MISS
A STRIKE?!

HOW ARE
YOU SO
CALM?!

YOU FIGHT
LIKE A TOTAL
AMATEUR,
YET DODGE
EVERYTHING?!

WHAT ON
EARTH ARE
THOSE
MOVEMENTS?!

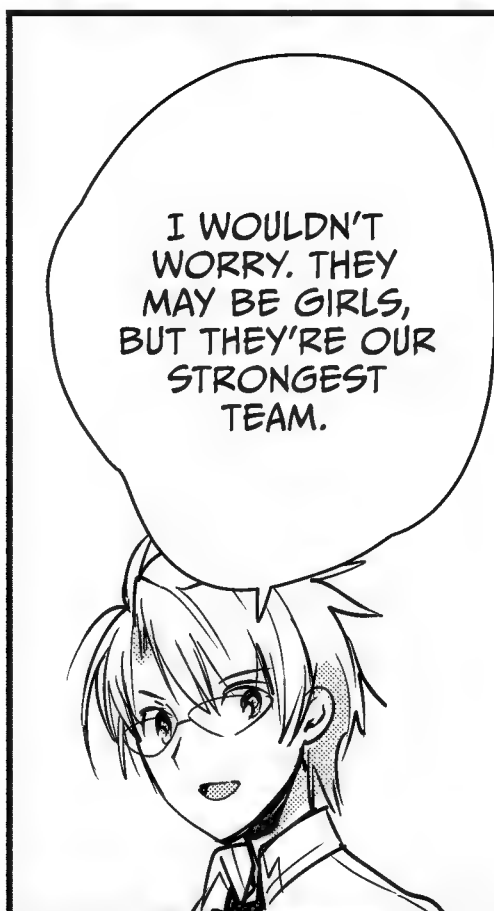
What?
?!



IF YOU CAN
FIGHT LIKE THAT,
YOU'LL HAVE NO
PROBLEM IN MY
FORMATIONS.

SEEMS
YOU'RE NOT
THAT BAD.


SO THAT'S
HOW THIS
FIGHTING STYLE
LOOKS TO A REAL
SWORDSMAN,
HUH?



I WOULDN'T
WORRY. THEY
MAY BE GIRLS,
BUT THEY'RE OUR
STRONGEST
TEAM.



DO
YOU THINK
GROUP 1 DID
OKAY?



THEY
WEREN'T
INSECTS,
THOUGH, SO
I'M SURE YOU
COULDN'T SHOW
YOUR REAL
STRENGTH.

I THINK
THAT'S
ENOUGH FOR
A FIRST TRIP.
LET'S HEAD
BACK
UP.

OKAY.



NEAR THE
UNDERWORLD
ENTRANCE

AT THE
SAME
TIME,



THE GUYS
IN GROUP
2 ALREADY
LEFT.

BUT
I DON'T
SEE ANYONE
BUT US.

EACH
GROUP WAS
SUPPOSED
TO HAVE A
GUIDE...



What are
you going
to do if we
get lost?

AS
OPTIMISTIC
AS ALWAYS,
I SEE...

EVEN IF
WE CAN
FIGHT, WE
DON'T KNOW
WHERE TO
GO.

IF WE
COME
ACROSS ANY
MONSTERS,
RYOUKO AND
I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
HANDLE
THEM!

SO
WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?
JUST HEAD
OUT?



THMP
THMP
THMP
MY
APOL-
OGIES
FOR THE
WAIT!

AH...
YEAH...

AND I'D LIKE
TO GET A
GRASP ON
TOMOCHIKA'S
AS WELL.

TRUE
ENOUGH. I
HAVE PLENTY
OF FAITH IN
RYOUKO'S
AND CAROL'S
COMBAT
ABILITIES,

...OH?

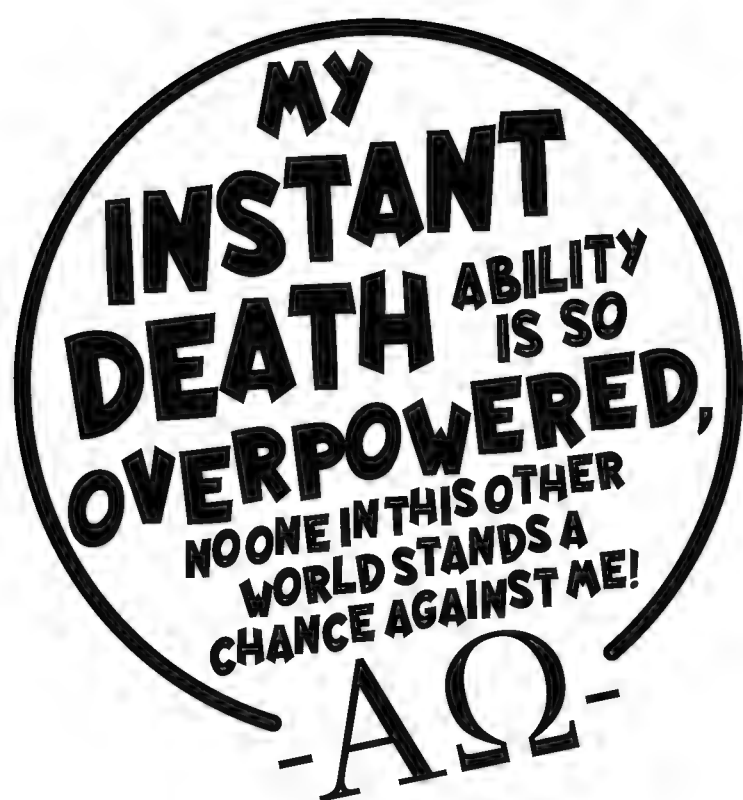
THE KING HAS
DISPATCHED ME
TO ACT AS YOUR
GUIDE, SAGE
CANDIDATES.

WHAT?!


RICK?!

YOU
KNOW
EACH
OTHER?

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CLANK




**MY
INSTANT
DEATH** ABILITY IS SO
OVERPOWERED,
NO ONE IN THIS OTHER
WORLD STANDS A
CHANCE AGAINST ME!
-AΩ-



I HAVE BEEN
INSTRUCTED
BY THE KING TO
GUIDE YOU SAGE
CANDIDATES
THROUGH THE
UNDERWORLD.

I AM
RICHARD,
THIRD PRINCE
OF THE KINGDOM
OF MANII. MOST
PEOPLE CALL
ME RICK.




I DIDN'T
KNOW HE
WAS A PRINCE
BACK THEN,
BUT HE'S AN
AMAZING
SWORDS-
MAN!

WE MET
RICK ON
OUR WAY
TO THE
CAPITAL.

Oh?

Please,
you
flatter
me!!




THIS WILL
BE THE FIRST
TIME I HAVE
SEEN YOU
FIGHT, MISS
DANNOURA...

I ASSUME
THAT IS YOUR
COMBAT
OUTFIT?

IT'S
PART OF
MY CLASS'S
ABILITIES!

I'M
NOT
WEAR-
ING THIS
BECAUSE
I LIKE IT
OR ANY-
THING!

AH!
NO, THIS
IS...UH!



Not well
suited to
lying, are
we?

I HAVE
MADE SOME
MODIFICATIONS
TO THE MATERIAL
THAT ROBOT
PROVIDED
US WITH.

I SUPPOSE
WHAT I MAKE
COULD BE
SHARED, BUT
TUNING IT TO
OTHER PEOPLE
WOULD BE A
NUISANCE.

UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO
CAN USE THE
STUFF I
MAKE.

Y-
YEAH,
THAT'S
IT!

EGOISTIC
BLACKSMITH...

SO...A
CLASS THAT
PRODUCES
WEAPONS AND
ARMOR ONLY
FOR ITSELF?

はーん!
TA-DA!

AND THIS IS
EXACTLY WHAT A
JAPANESE NINJA
LOOKS LIKE,
RIGHT?!

NINJA

MAYBE IF
THE WHOLE
OUTFIT WASN'T
BRIGHT RED.

AT LEAST
TRY TO BE
STEALTHY!

SAMURAI

I CAN'T
SAY I AM
ESPECIALLY
KEEN ON
WEARING
MY OUTFIT
EITHER.

BUT HAVING
OUTFITS THAT
MATCH CLASS
OFFERS AN
ADVANTAGE.

SPEAKING
OF WHICH, I
KNOW I MADE
MY OWN
ARMOR,
BUT WHY
DO NONE
OF YOUR
OUTFITS
LOOK LIKE
THEY FIT THIS
WORLD?



Chapter 38 — The Key





SLASH

SH

THUD

THMP

THMP

THMP

THMP

!







YOU
DON'T EVEN
NEED MY
SUPPORT
SKILLS,
DO YOU?

IT DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE I
NEED TO GET
INVOLVED.

IT LOOKS
LIKE THE
MONSTERS
HERE ARE NO
TROUBLE FOR
NINOMIYA AND
CAROL.



WE STILL
HAVE SOME
MONSTERS!

IT'S A
SKELETON!

HOW'S
THAT FOR
A FIRST
OPPONENT?



LET'S HAVE
DANNOURA
SHOW US HER
ABILITIES,
THEN.

IF THE
WORST
HAPPENS,
WE CAN
STEP IN.

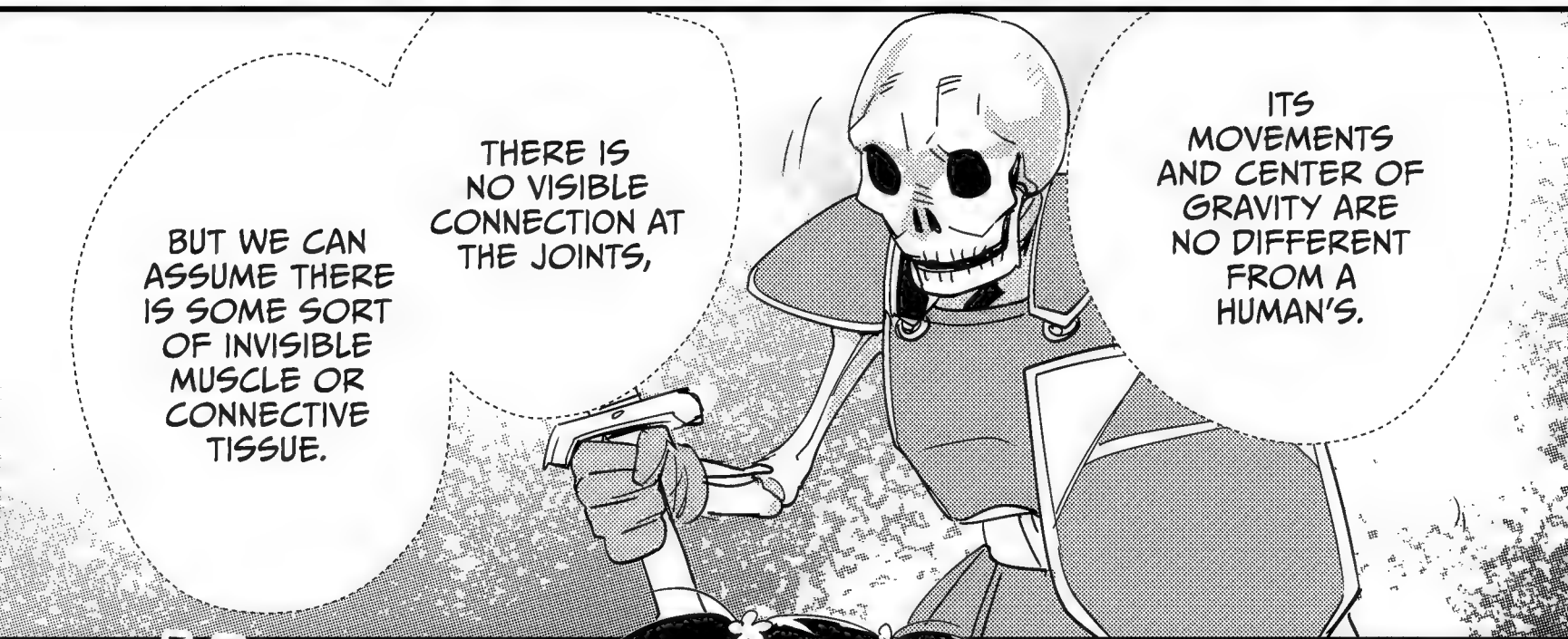
S-
SURE...



AS LONG AS
IT IS HUMANOID,
THE DANNOURA
WAY SHOULD
WORK WELL.

IT'S JUST
A BUNCH
OF BONES,
RIGHT?

LOOK...



BUT WE CAN
ASSUME THERE
IS SOME SORT
OF INVISIBLE
MUSCLE OR
CONNECTIVE
TISSUE.

THERE IS
NO VISIBLE
CONNECTION AT
THE JOINTS,

ITS
MOVEMENTS
AND CENTER OF
GRAVITY ARE
NO DIFFERENT
FROM A
HUMAN'S.



I SURE
HOPE THIS
WORKS.

I
GUESS
I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
TRY.



FWM

CRACK!

SLAM





YES,

YOU
SEEM QUITE
STRONG.

AS EX-
PECTED!



THUD



UH,

DO I REALLY
HAVE TO GET
THAT CLOSE,
THOUGH?

I
SUP-
POSE
NOT.

THE
BATTLESUIT
IMPROVES YOUR
STRENGTH AND
SPEED, AND I CAN
USE IT TO PRODUCE
A WEAPON FROM
ANYWHERE ON
YOUR BODY.



IN THAT
CASE...

WELL
DONE!

NICE!

CLAP
CLAP

CLAP
CLAP

CLAP
CLAP

LET'S
TRY THE
LONG
ONE.

FWM

SH

NK



GARULA
CANYON,
WESTERN
FOREST

BRRM

BRRM

THE
SOURCE OF
THE SIGNAL
APPEARS TO
BE CLOSE.

HMM...

I SUPPOSE
IT IS COMING
FROM IN
THERE.

SPACE
HAS BEEN
TURNED INTO
A PATCHWORK
MOSAIC? I
GUESS IT'S
SUPPOSED
TO BE A
BARRIER?

WHOM
BSHH

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B
R
E
V
E

WHOM
BSHH

BUT THE
EFFECT IS
SCRAMBLING
THE SIGNAL SO
MUCH, I SEE
NOTHING BUT
ERRORS.

WELL,
I GUESS ANY
SAGE COULD
REWRITE THOSE
LAWS AS
DESIRED.

IT FEELS
LIKE THE
LAWS OF
PHYSICS ARE
A MESS IN
HERE.



IS THIS THE
SOURCE OF
THE SIGNAL?

LOOKS
LIKE I'M
THROUGH THE
BARRIER.

SHR...
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I CAN JUST
BARELY TELL
IT'S CALLING
FOR A SAGE...

THERE
WE GO.

POP
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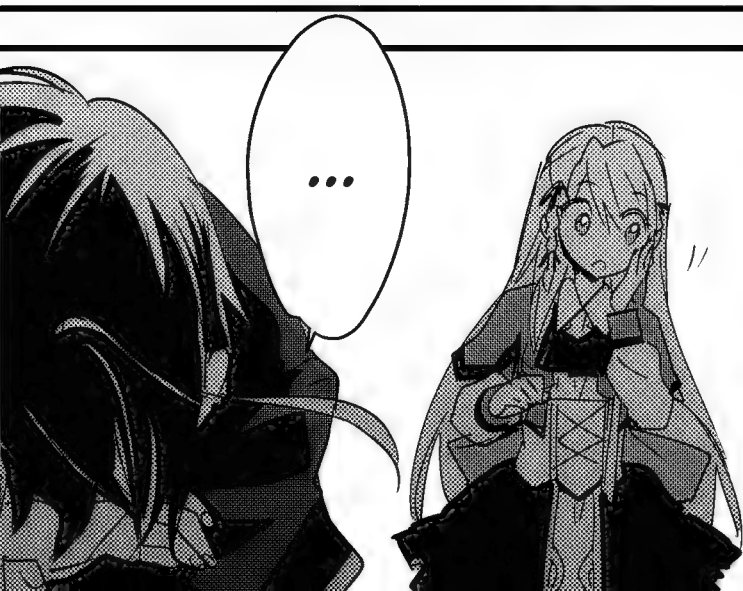
LOOKS LIKE MY MESSAGE REACHED YOU!

SION?!

OH, IF IT ISN'T AOI.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

SHE'S BEEN STUCK LIKE THIS FOR AGES.



...

IT'S NO WONDER WE COULDN'T FIND YOU.

WITH A BARRIER THAT COMPLEX,



YOU SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
PURSUING
YOGIRI
TAKATOU—

WHAT ON
EARTH
HAPPENED?

SHE RAN
AWAY AS FAST
AS SHE COULD
AND TRAPPED
HERSELF IN
HERE.

HM?
IT APPEARS
SHE'S STILL
LISTENING.

WE FOUND
YOGIRI TAKATOU,
BUT AFTER TAKING
ONE LOOK AT HIM,
AOI LOST ALL WILL
TO FIGHT.

MAYBE
THERE IS
SOMETHING
ABOUT HIM
AFTER ALL.

Hmm...

WELL...I
SUPPOSE
THERE ARE
TWO DEAD
SAGES
ALREADY.

RIGHT.

EVEN I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT SHE
SAW...



DID
YOU LEARN
ANYTHING
ABOUT
TAKATOU,
AOI?

AT THIS
RATE, I
SUPPOSE I
WILL HAVE
TO DEAL
WITH HIM
MYSELF.

...



AH!
SEDUCTION
MAY ALSO
BE A VIABLE
TACTIC.

BUT I
WOULD NEED
TO KNOW ABOUT
HIS POWERS. IF WE
FIGURE OUT WHO
HIS FRIENDS ARE,
WE CAN TRY TO
PERSUADE HIM,
OR TAKE THEM
HOSTAGE—

IT IS
POSSIBLE
WE COULD
ACCEPT HIM
AS A NEW
SAGE...

ST...
OP...

MUTTER



DON'T DO
ANYTHING
STUPID...

STAY
AWAY
FROM
IT...

JUST...

YOU....!

YOU...

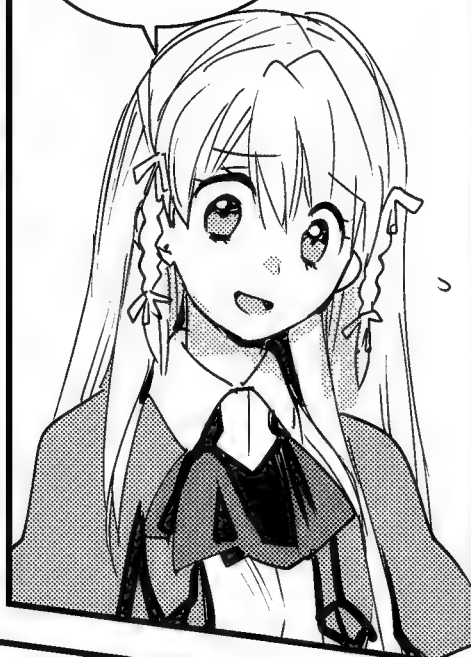
BUT I DID
SUMMON HIM
HERE TO MAKE
MORE SAGES—

THAT'S
EASY TO
SAY,

YOU
BROUGHT
THAT
THING
HERE!

CLENCH

IT'S YOUR
FAULT...



THIS
WHOLE
WORLD!

IT'S
OVER!

SHOUT

WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU
GOING TO
DO ABOUT
THIS?!

DO
YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA
WHAT YOU
SUMMONED?!
IT'S ALL
OVER NOW!
DAMMIT!





SAGE
A-AOI...?

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING...?

THAT
THING...



SH
UE-4
EZE!

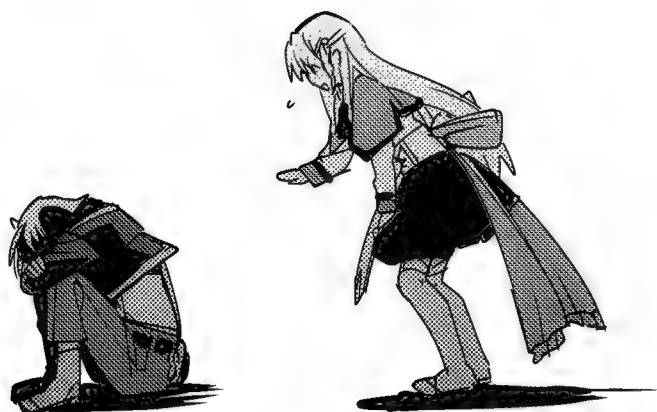
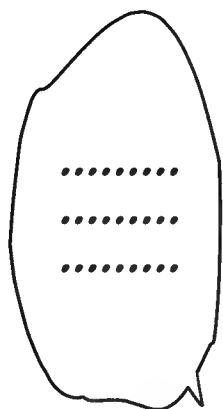
IT'S NOT
HUMAN...

IT'S
NOT EVEN
ALIVE...



GO TO HELL!
IF YOU WANT TO
DIE SO BADLY,
JUST KILL
YOURSELF!

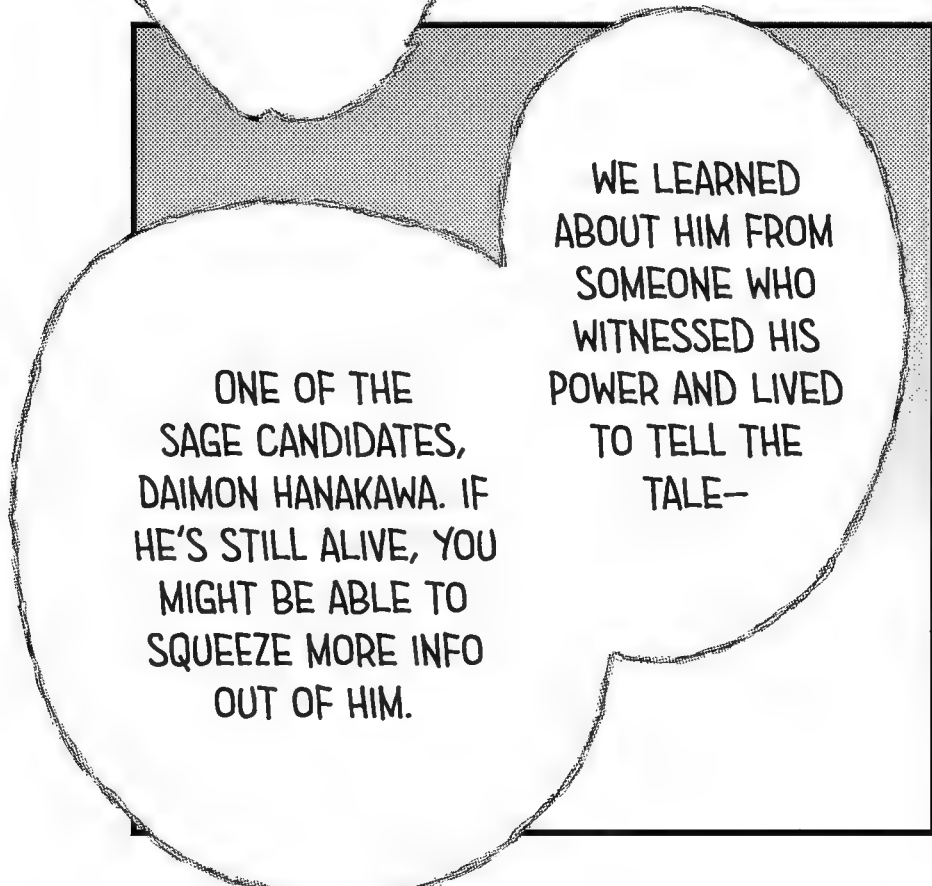
DON'T BRING
THE WORLD-
DON'T BRING
ME INTO IT!



I'VE
SENT YOU
EVERYTHING
I KNOW.



I THOUGHT
SOMEONE ELSE
SHOWING UP MIGHT
HELP HER, BUT I
GUESS IT'S STILL
TOO SOON...

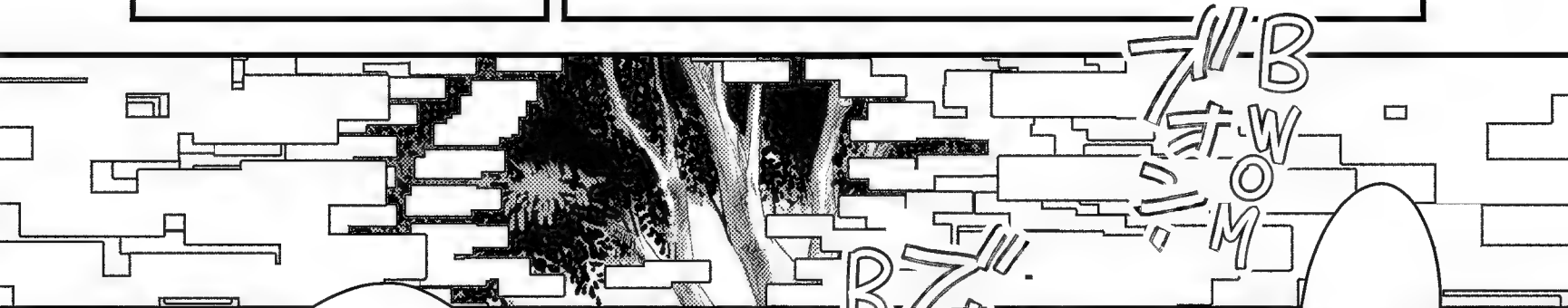
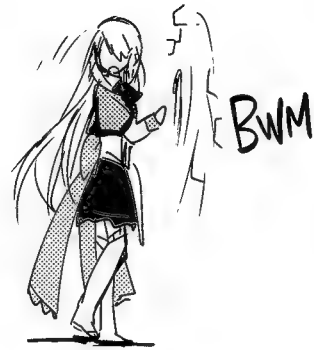
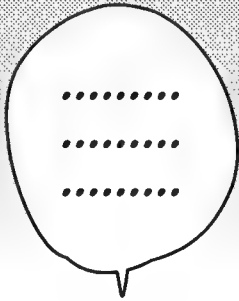


WE LEARNED
ABOUT HIM FROM
SOMEONE WHO
WITNESSED HIS
POWER AND LIVED
TO TELL THE
TALE-

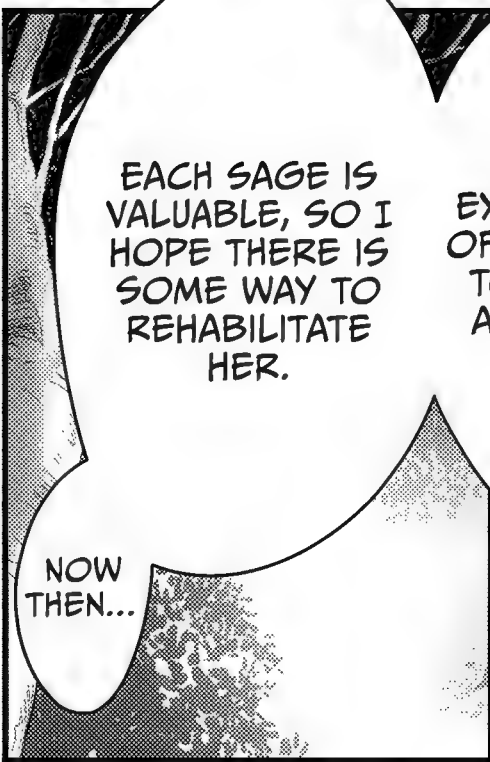
ONE OF THE
SAGE CANDIDATES,
DAIMON HANAKAWA. IF
HE'S STILL ALIVE, YOU
MIGHT BE ABLE TO
SQUEEZE MORE INFO
OUT OF HIM.



SORRY FOR
CALLING YOU ALL
THE WAY OUT HERE,
SION. COULD
YOU GIVE HER
MORE TIME?



BWM
BWM
BWM

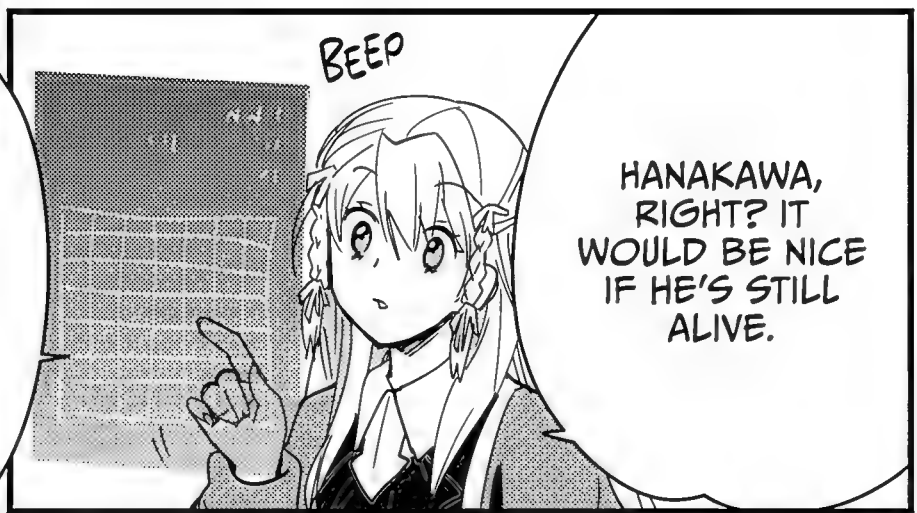


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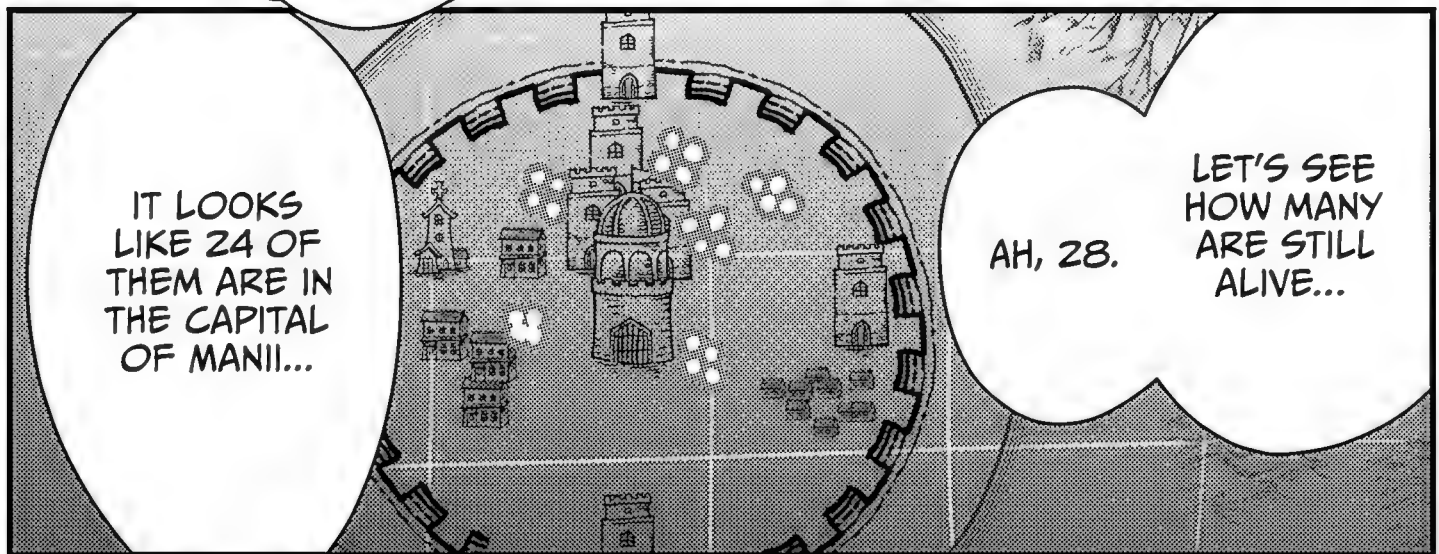
NOW THEN...



THE GIFT
INSTALLED
SUCCESSFULLY
ON 32 PEOPLE
ON THAT BUS...



HANAKAWA,
RIGHT? IT
WOULD BE NICE
IF HE'S STILL
ALIVE.



IT LOOKS
LIKE 24 OF
THEM ARE IN
THE CAPITAL
OF MANII...

AH, 28.

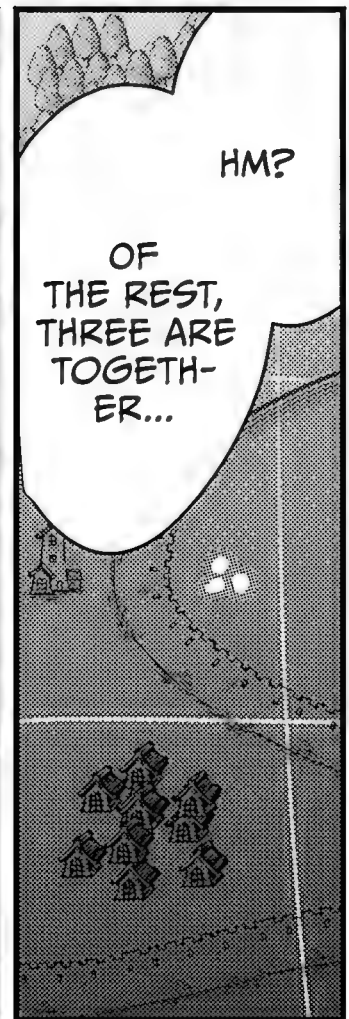
LET'S SEE
HOW MANY
ARE STILL
ALIVE...



I SUPPOSE I
SHOULD SEE
WHAT HE HAS
TO SAY.



BUT
THERE'S
ONE HEADING
ALONE TOWARDS
THE CAPITAL.
THAT LOOKS
LIKE THIS
HANAKAWA.



HM?

OF
THE REST,
THREE ARE
TOGETHER...

MELD
PLAINS

I HAVE
ALREADY
SHARED THE
ENTIRETY OF MY
KNOWLEDGE
WITH YOU—

EXCUSE
ME! SIR
LUTE!

I KNOW
THAT YOU TRULY
BELIEVE YOGIRI
TAKATOU KILLED
MY LORD.

SO I'LL
START MY
REVENGE
BY KILLING
HIM.

I WOULD BE
ECSTATIC IF YOU
WERE ABLE TO
ACCOMPLISH
THAT, BUT...

AND IF WE
ARE SEEN
TOGETHER, IT
COULD START
EMBARRASSING
RUMORS!

MY MOTHER
TOLD ME NOT
TO FOLLOW
STRANGERS!

DRAG
ZII
IL

ZII
IL DRAG
ZII
IL DRAG

IT'S
EASY.

I'LL
CALL IN A
FAVOR FROM
SOMEONE
STRONGER.

THERE'S
NO WAY I
CAN BEAT
SOMEONE
WHO KILLED
MY LORD.

THEN
WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO?

A KEY I
TOOK FROM
MY LORD'S
BODY.

I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
BREAK THE
SEAL ON
HIS SISTER
WITH IT.

WRIGGLE...

WHAT IS
THAT...?

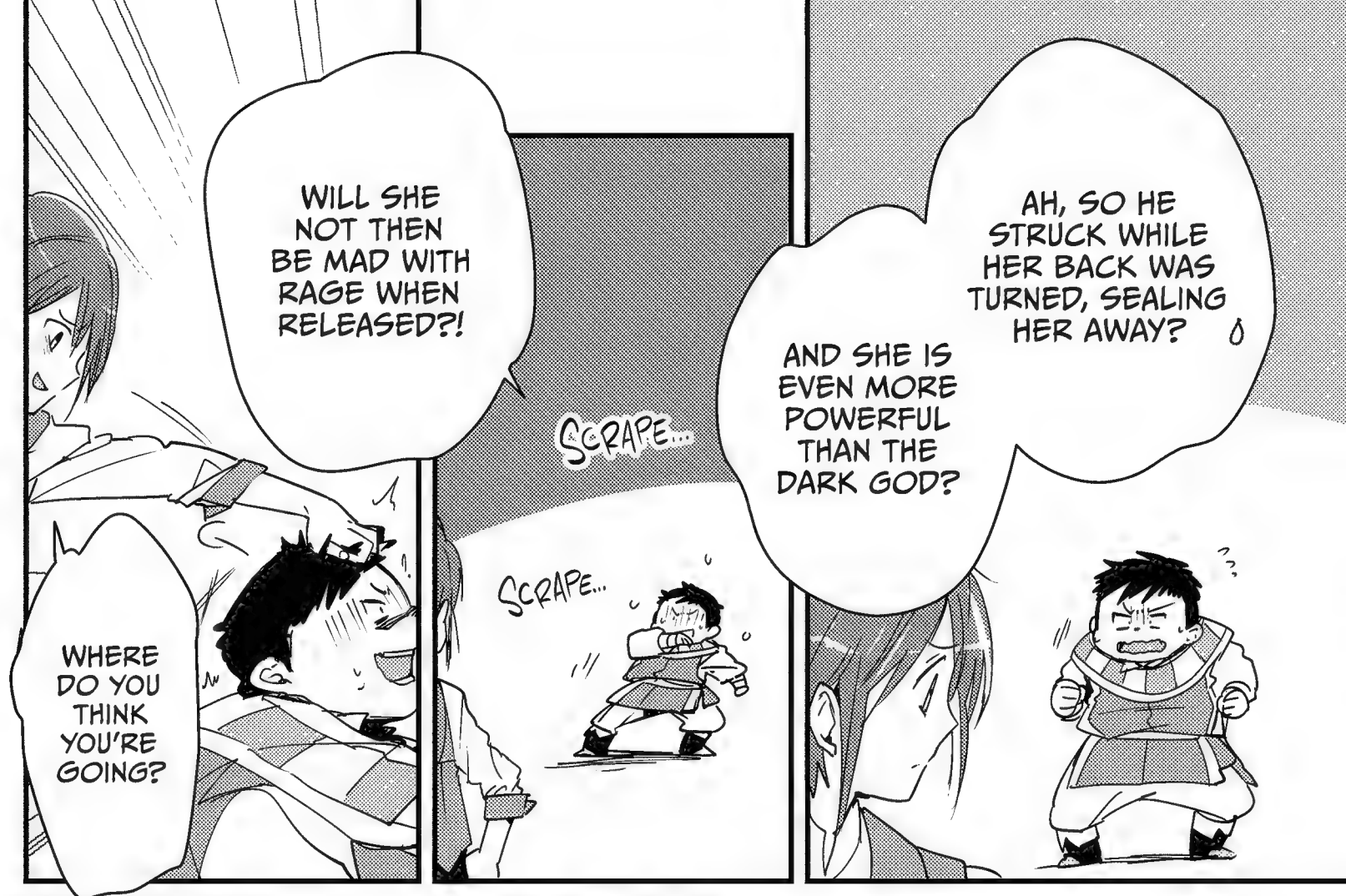
WRIGGLE...

MY LORD
SAID SHE WAS
ABSOLUTELY
CRAZY...

BUT
SHE'D STILL
DO ANYTHING
HE ASKED.

HIS SISTER
WAS A BIT
TOO MUCH, SO
WHEN HE HAD
THE CHANCE, HE
IMPRISONED
HER.

MY LORD
WAS THE
OLDER
BROTHER
OF A PAIR
OF DIVINE
SIBLINGS.





UNLIKE HUMANS, I DON'T REALLY HAVE A SEX.

HUFF HUFF

THIS IS EVEN BETTER THAN CROSS-DRESSING!

Since we have no use for genitals.

I KNEW SINCE I FIRST SAW YOU THAT YOU COULD PULL THIS LOOK OFF!



I JUST SAID WE DON'T NEED THEM. WHY WOULD I HAVE EITHER—

HM? DOES THAT MEAN... YOU HAVE BOTH?

?!



JUMP

SLAM



I DON'T REALLY CARE HOW I LOOK, SO SURE.

HM? YOU'D PREFER A GIRL?

O-OHHHH!

POOF

THERE'S
NO POINT IF
YOU DON'T
HAVE THE
PARTS!

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO BE A
BOY IN
DISGUISE!

NO!

THAT'S
TOTALLY
WRONG!

WHAT?!

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH YOU?
YOU WANTED
SOMEONE WHO
LOOKED LIKE A
GIRL, DIDN'T
YOU?



Me

ANYWAY,
WE'RE
GOING TO
SET MY
LORD'S
SISTER
FREE.

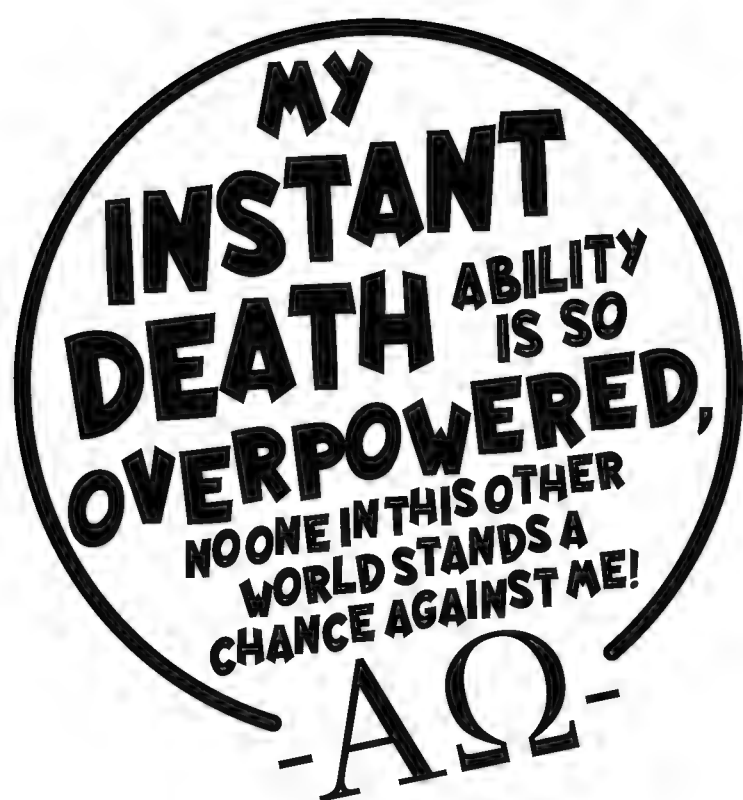
Tch

WAAH
AAH
A!

WE'LL
REACH THE
CAPITAL
SOON.

SHE
SHOULD BE
THERE...

SEALED IN
THE UNDER-
WORLD
BENEATH
THE CITY.



**MY
INSTANT
DEATH** ABILITY IS SO
OVERPOWERED,
NO ONE IN THIS OTHER
WORLD STANDS A
CHANCE AGAINST ME!
-AΩ-





THAT
NIGHT

IN THEIR
SECRET
HOTEL
ROOM

AND
TODAY'S
WORK IS
DONE!

WELCOME
BACK,
DANNOURA.

MAN, I'M
TIRED...

HOW
WAS THE
UNDER-
WORLD
TODAY?

WE
MADE IT
TO THE END
OF FLOOR 5,
SO I GUESS
WE'LL BE
STARTING
FLOOR 6
TOMOR-
ROW.

CON-
SIDERING
I'M ON THE
FRONT LINES
FIGHTING
AGAINST
MONSTERS
EVERY
DAY...

MMM...
CAN'T
SAY I'M
A FAN...

HM?
I DON'T
REALLY HAVE
MUCH TO DO,
SO PLAYING
GAMES AND
READING, I
GUESS.

AND WHAT
HAVE YOU
BEEN DOING
ALL DAY?

BUT
COULDN'T
YOU JUST KILL
IT FROM HERE
WITH YOUR
POWER?

ALSO,
WE'RE
CLEARING
OUT THE
UNDERWORLD
TO KILL THE
DARK GOD,

THEY
CALL ON ME
WHENEVER
THEY NEED BUGS
KILLED, SO I
ALWAYS HAVE
TO BE READY
TO GO.

NO,
PLEASE! IT
IS PREFERABLE
FOR YOU TO
STAY HERE!

PLEASE
KEEP
WORKING
HARD AT
DOING
NOTHING!

IF THE
DARK GOD
ATTACKED ME
PERSONALLY,
OR WAS
RELEASING
SOME KIND OF
MIASMA, IT
WOULD BE
DIFFERENT.

RIGHT
NOW, I
DON'T KNOW
WHERE THE
DARK GOD
IS IN THE
UNDER-
WORLD...

HA HA!
HAVEN'T WE
ALREADY BEEN
FORCED INTO
SOCIETY BY BEING
SUMMONED
HERE?

DON'T
ENCOURAGE
HIM,
NINOMIYA.

YOU'LL
TURN HIM INTO
A DEADBEAT
WHEN HE FINALLY
HAS TO JOIN
SOCIETY.

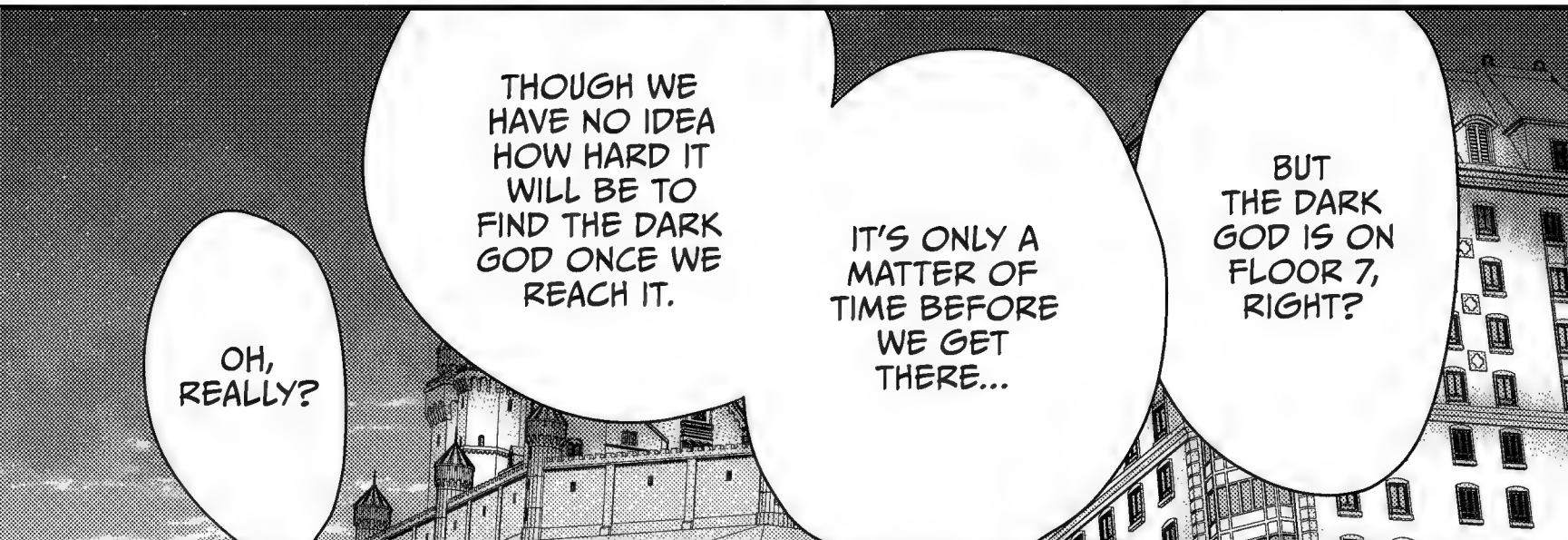


YEAH, I
THINK I'LL
PASS...

ARE YOU
TRYING
TO TURN
HIM INTO A
GIGOLO?!

I'LL TAKE
CARE OF HIM!
HE DOESN'T
HAVE TO DO
ANYTHING!

I'LL MAKE
IT SO HE
CAN LIVE
COMFORTABLY
WITHOUT
WORKING
AT ALL!

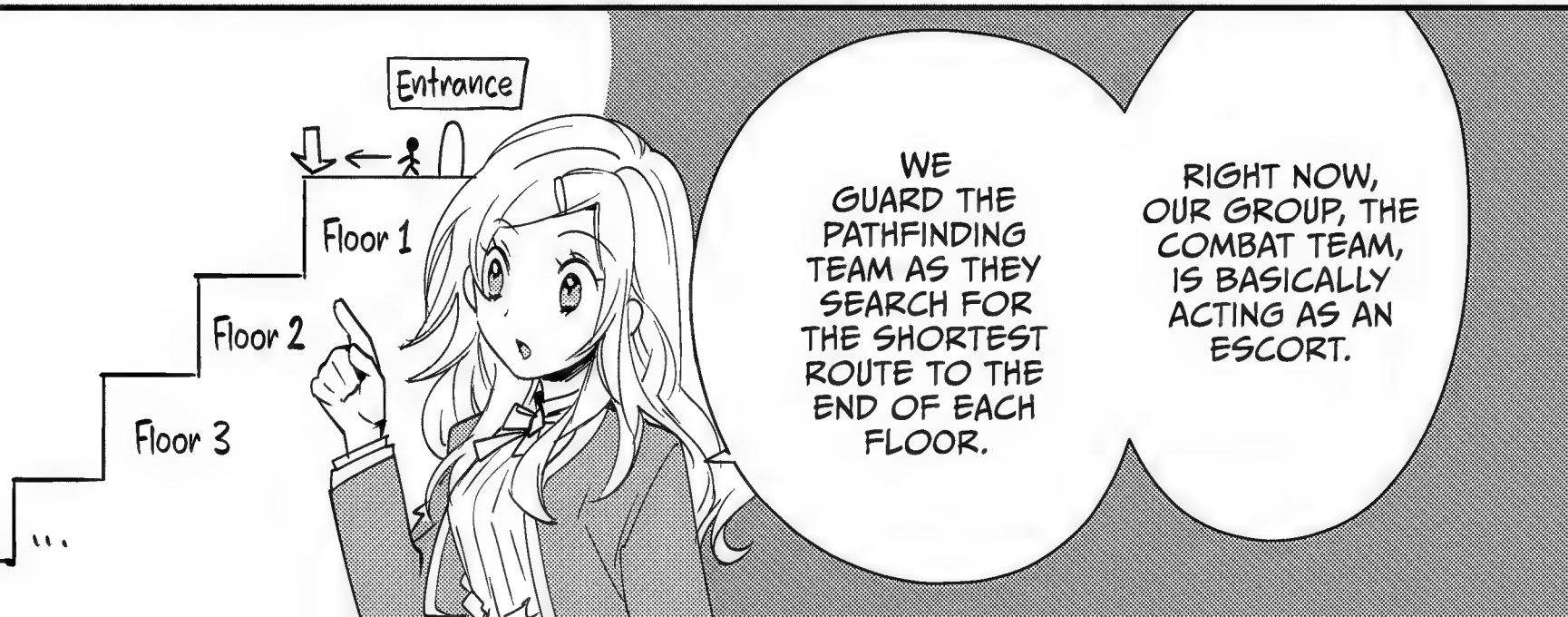


OH,
REALLY?

THOUGH WE
HAVE NO IDEA
HOW HARD IT
WILL BE TO
FIND THE DARK
GOD ONCE WE
REACH IT.

IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE
WE GET
THERE...

BUT
THE DARK
GOD IS ON
FLOOR 7,
RIGHT?



Entrance

Floor 1


Floor 2

Floor 3

WE
GUARD THE
PATHFINDING
TEAM AS THEY
SEARCH FOR
THE SHORTEST
ROUTE TO THE
END OF EACH
FLOOR.

RIGHT NOW,
OUR GROUP, THE
COMBAT TEAM,
IS BASICALLY
ACTING AS AN
ESCORT.





AND SION'S
TIME LIMIT
OF A MONTH
IS ALMOST UP,
SO IT LOOKS
LIKE WE'LL BE
CUTTING IT
CLOSE.

BUT AS WE
PROGRESS, THE
ENEMIES GET
SIGNIFICANTLY
STRONGER.

THAT METHOD
HAS GOTTEN
US TO FLOOR 5
IN JUST A FEW
SHORT DAYS...




THAT IS
BEING
FAR TOO
OPTIMISTIC.

I CANNOT
IMAGINE
SHE WOULD
LEAVE US
TO ROAM
FREE.



DO YOU
REALLY
THINK SHE'LL
BOTHR?

HMM...
SHE DID SAY
SOMETHING
ABOUT TURNING US
INTO LIVESTOCK
FOR PRODUCING
MAGICAL ENERGY
IF WE FAILED.

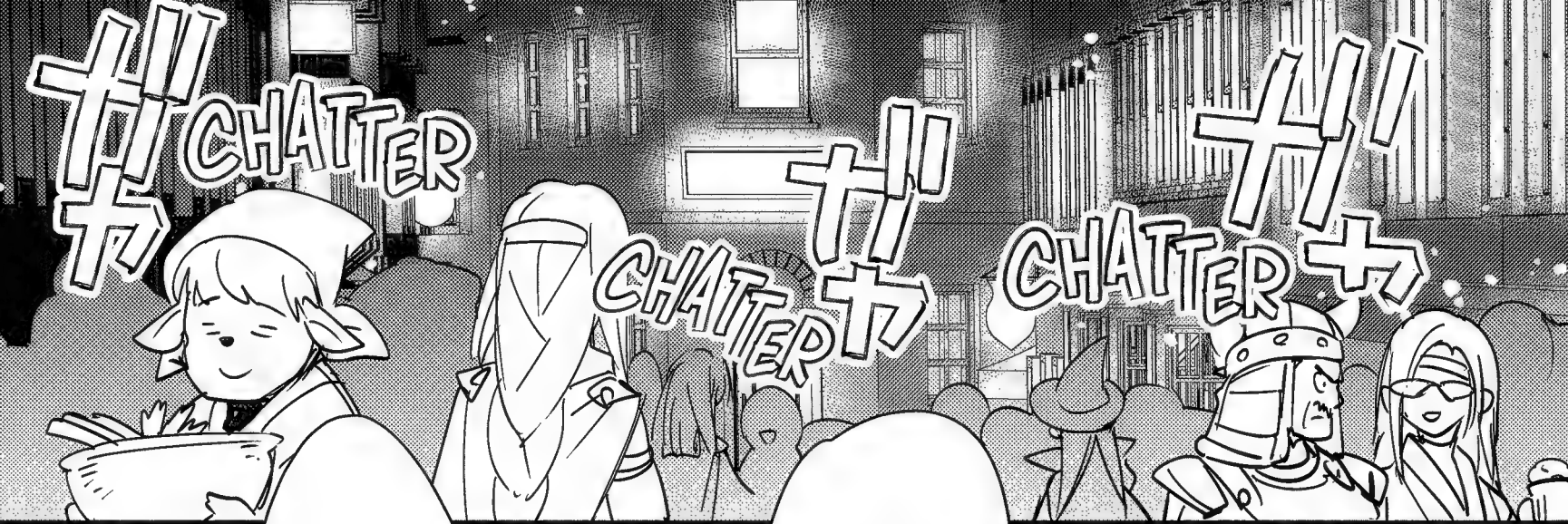


IF WE FAIL,
SION WILL
PROBABLY
SHOW UP, SO
THAT'S FINE
WITH ME.



AT THE
SAME
TIME

IN THE
CITY



AND
CROWDED.

IS THERE
SOME
SORT OF
CELEBRATION
GOING ON?

THIS
PLACE IS
RATHER
LIVELY.

SPIN
SPIN

SPIN
SPIN



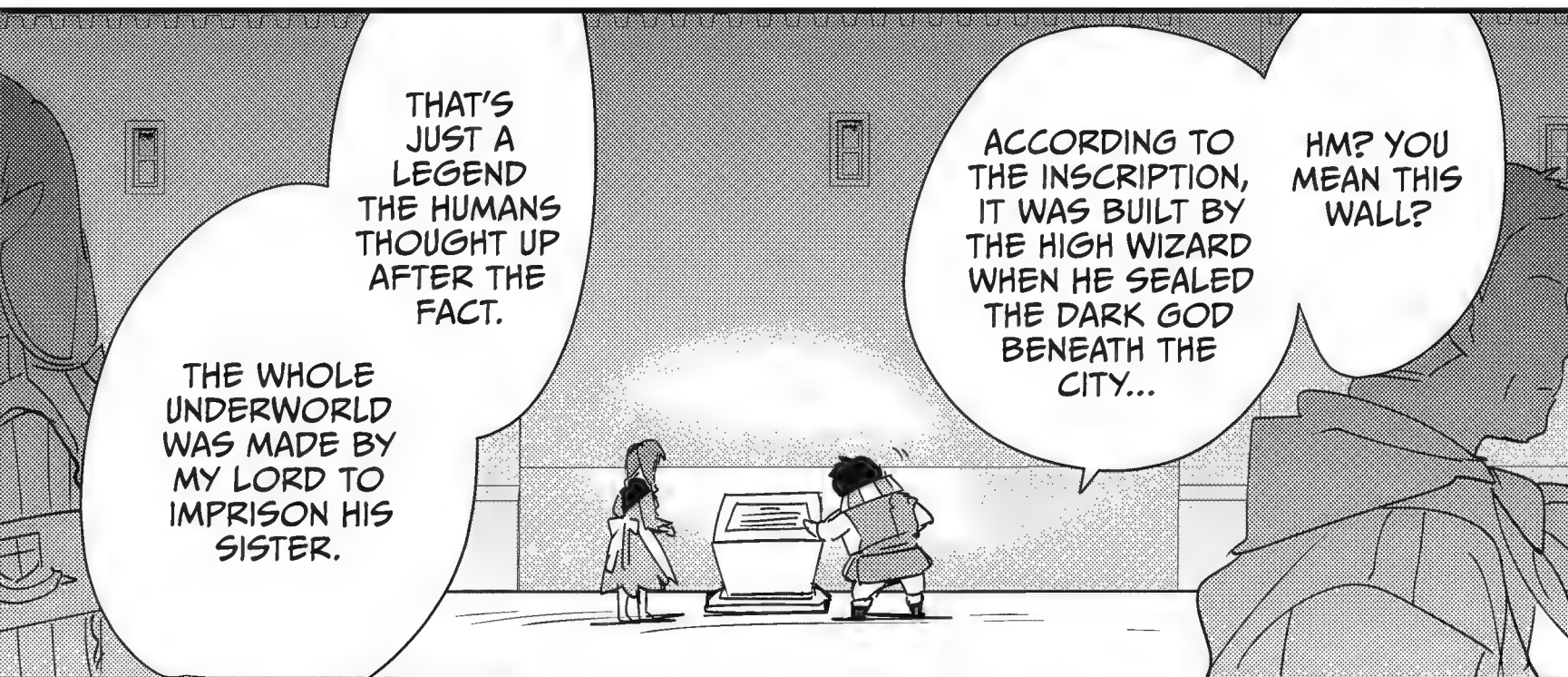
MY LORD'S
SISTER IS
UNDER THIS CITY
SOMEWHERE...

MY LORD
SEALED HER
DOWN THERE,
AFTER ALL. SHE
CAN'T ESCAPE
ON HER OWN
POWER.

HER SPAWN
CAN STILL MAKE
IT OUT, THOUGH,
SO THE HUMANS
BUILT SOMETHING
HERE TO KEEP
THEM IN.

THEY BUILT
SUCH AN
ENORMOUS
CAPITAL ON
TOP OF A
DARK GOD?





THAT'S
JUST A
LEGEND
THE HUMANS
THOUGHT UP
AFTER THE
FACT.

THE WHOLE
UNDERWORLD
WAS MADE BY
MY LORD TO
IMPRISON HIS
SISTER.

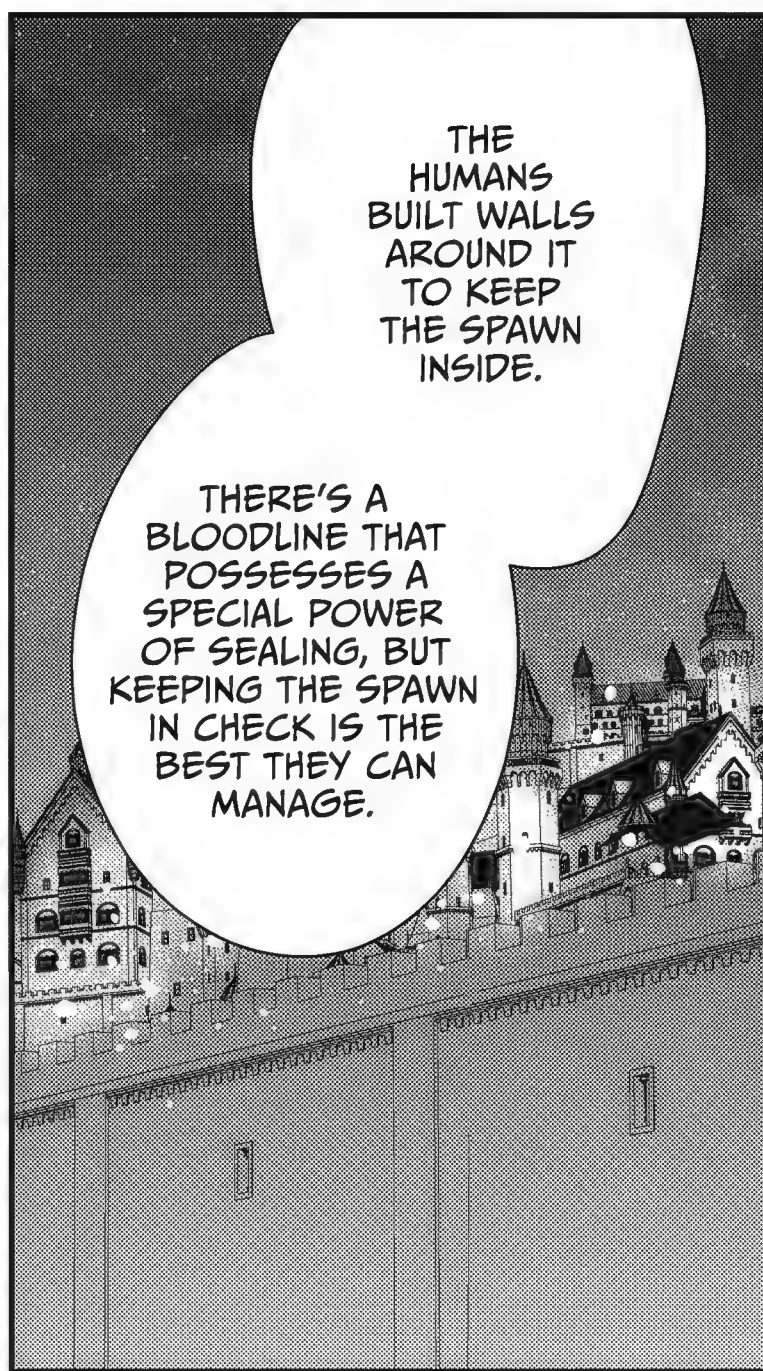
ACCORDING TO
THE INSCRIPTION,
IT WAS BUILT BY
THE HIGH WIZARD
WHEN HE SEALED
THE DARK GOD
BENEATH THE
CITY...

HM? YOU
MEAN THIS
WALL?



BUT...
WITH SO
MUCH CITY
HERE, IT MIGHT
BE HARD TO
FIND THE
ENTRANCE...

SHALL WE
FIND A PLACE
TO GATHER
INFORMATION?



THE
HUMANS
BUILT WALLS
AROUND IT
TO KEEP
THE SPAWN
INSIDE.

THERE'S A
BLOODLINE THAT
POSSESSES A
SPECIAL POWER
OF SEALING, BUT
KEEPING THE SPAWN
IN CHECK IS THE
BEST THEY CAN
MANAGE.



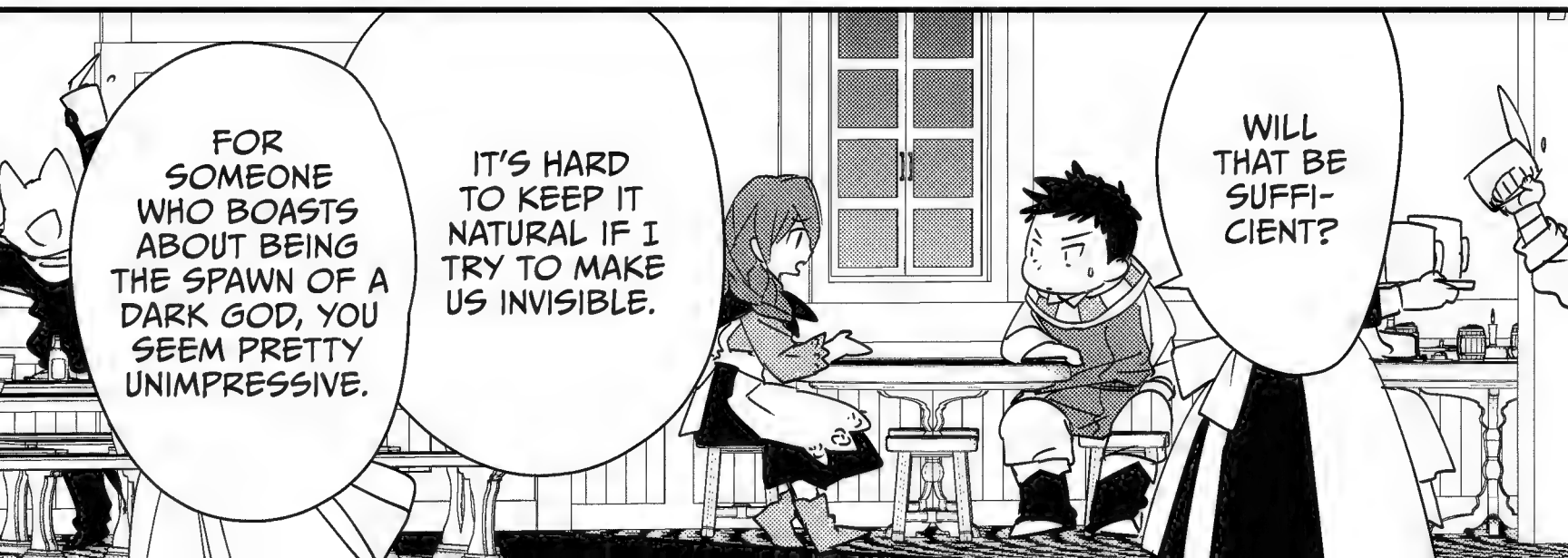
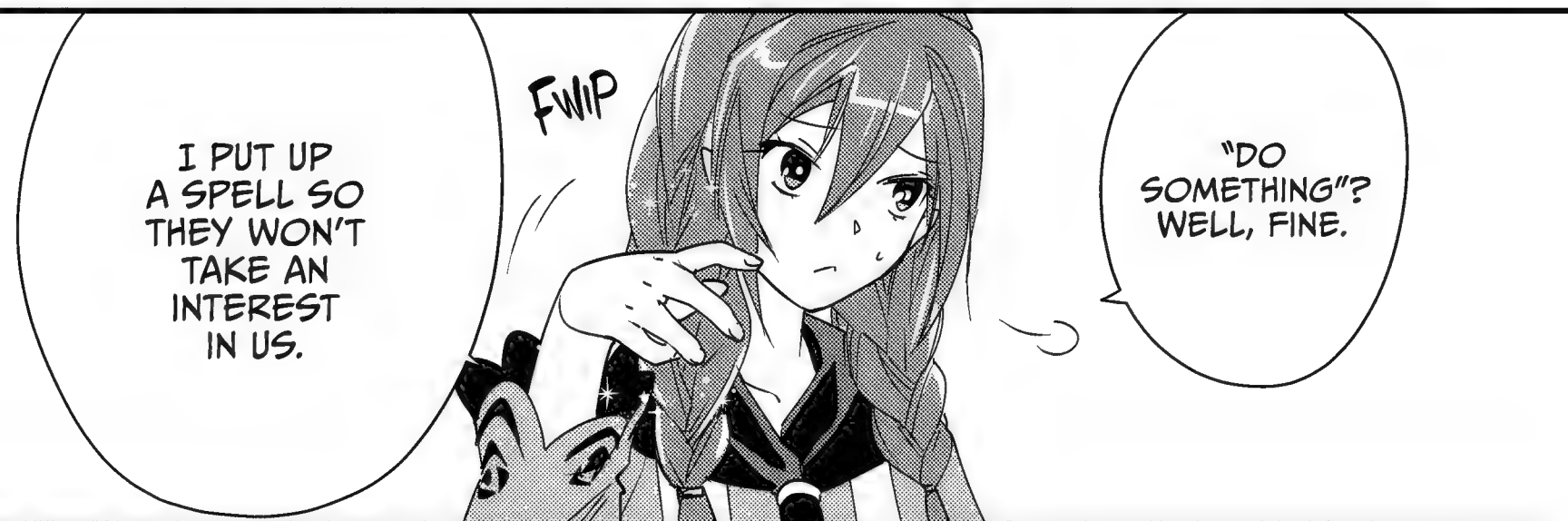
ONE
NORMALLY
VISITS A BAR
IN THESE
SITUATIONS,
NO?

WHAT
KIND OF
PLACE?

REALLY?









SLAP!!

HEY,
DON'T
DO YOUR
STUPID
POSE
NOW!

WOULD YOU
PREFER I
THREW YOU
OUT IN FRONT
OF THEM?

GLARE!!

THAT'LL
DEFINITELY
BREAK THE
DISGUISE!



CHATTER

GOOD
IDEA.

...HUH?

SWP

IT APPEARS
THEY HAVE
BEEN PAYING
VISITS TO THE
UNDERWORLD.

BUT IF
THEY WILL
NOT NOTICE
US, PERHAPS
IT MAY BE
PROFITABLE TO
EAVESDROP ON
THEIR CON-
VERSATION?

CHATTER

CHATTER



WHO
DOES HE
THINK HE IS,
SWOOPING
IN PARTWAY
THROUGH AND
SCOOPING
UP ALL THE
GIRLS?!

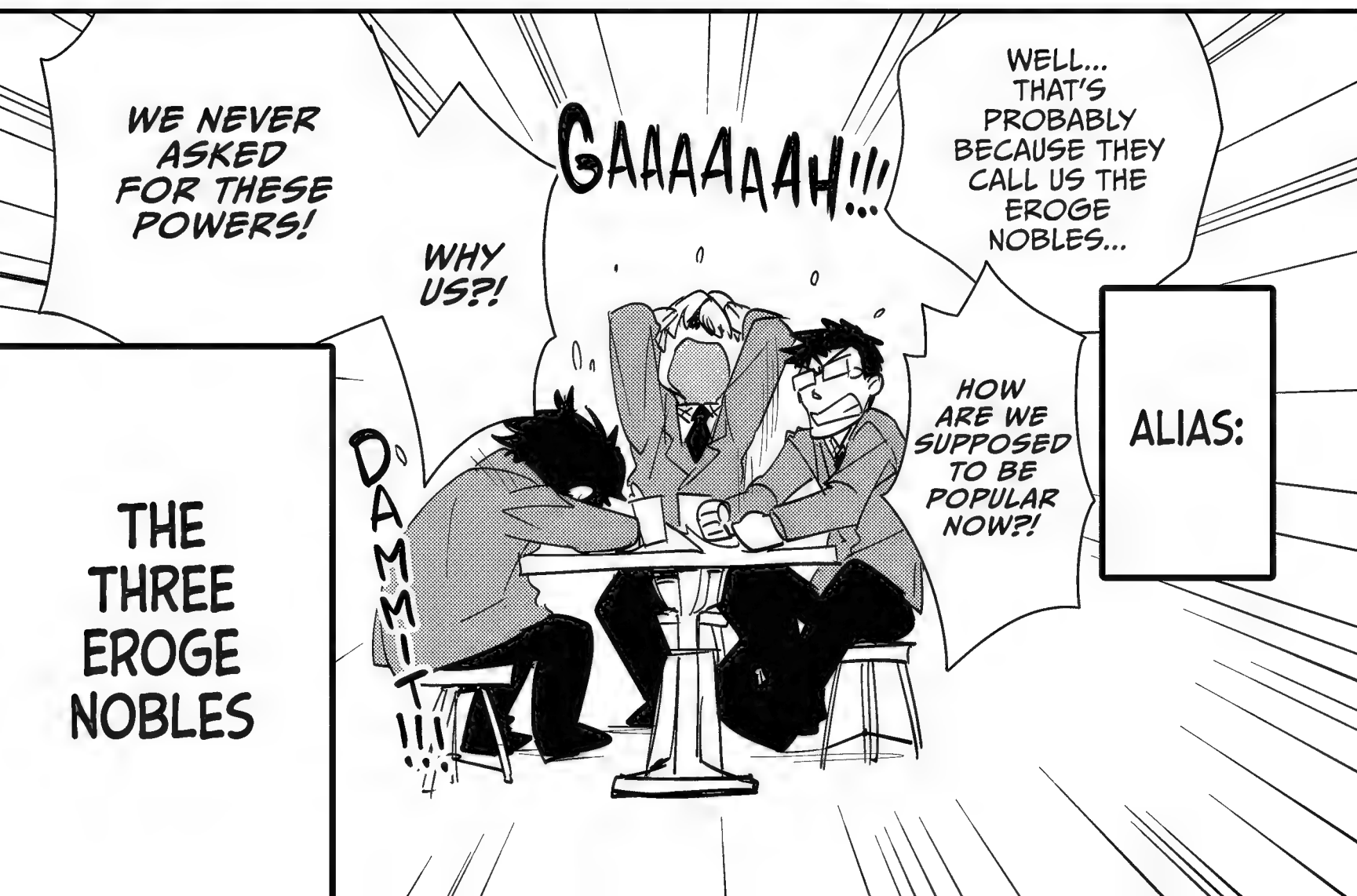
THAT
BASTARD
TAKATOU!

CHATTER

CHATTER

TMP

TMP





YEAH...
THAT'S
A BIT
MUCH.

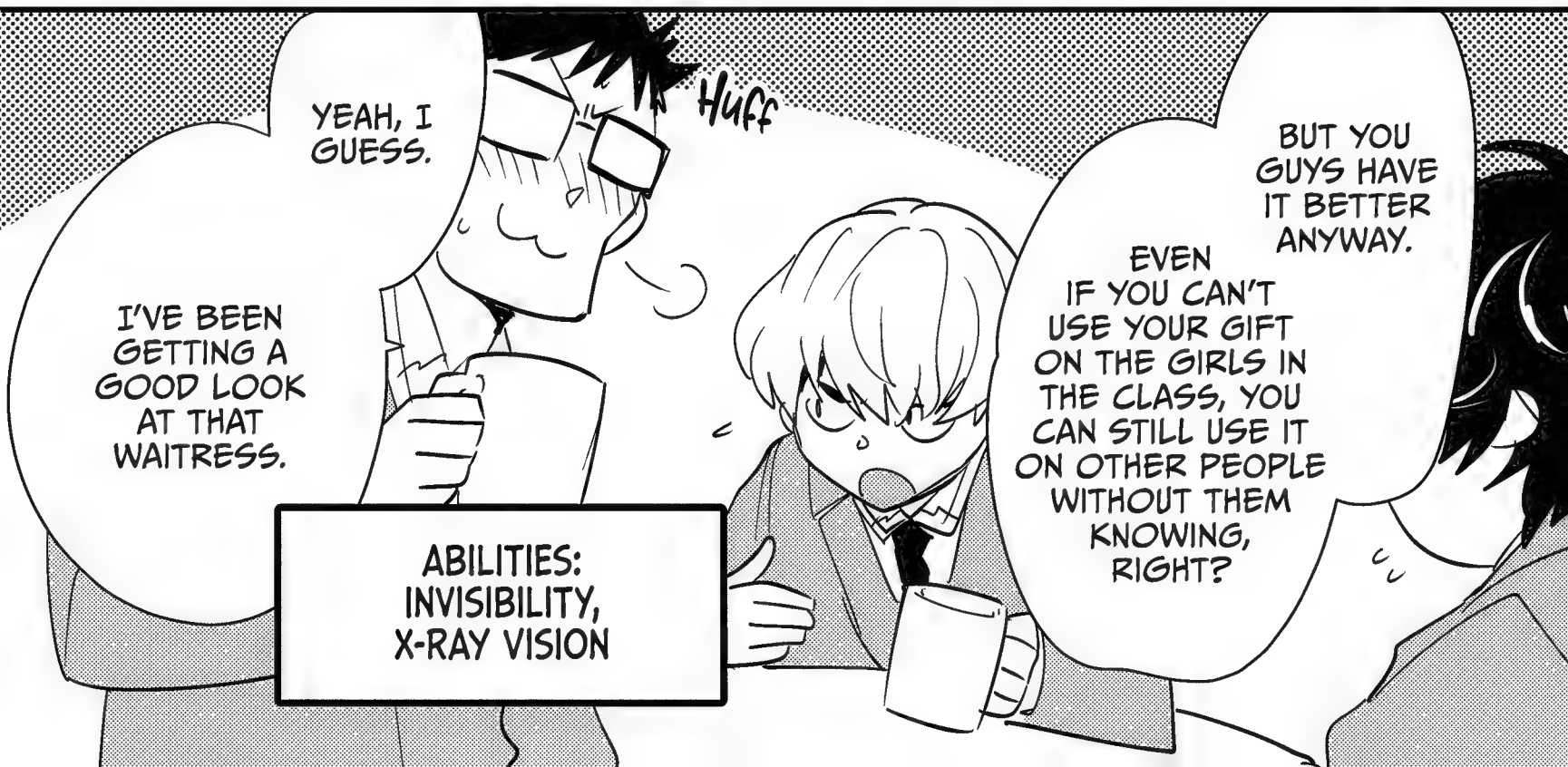
UH,
NO, THE
TENTACLE
THING IS
JUST YOU.

**WHAT?!
WHY?!**



**EVERYONE'S
WISHED THEY
COULD STOP TIME
TO DO PERVERTED
THINGS, OR SEE
THROUGH CLOTHES,
OR MAKE TENTACLES
TO RESTRAIN
PEOPLE!**

**WHY ARE WE
THE ONLY
ONES BEING
TREATED LIKE
GARBAGE?!**



YEAH, I
GUESS.

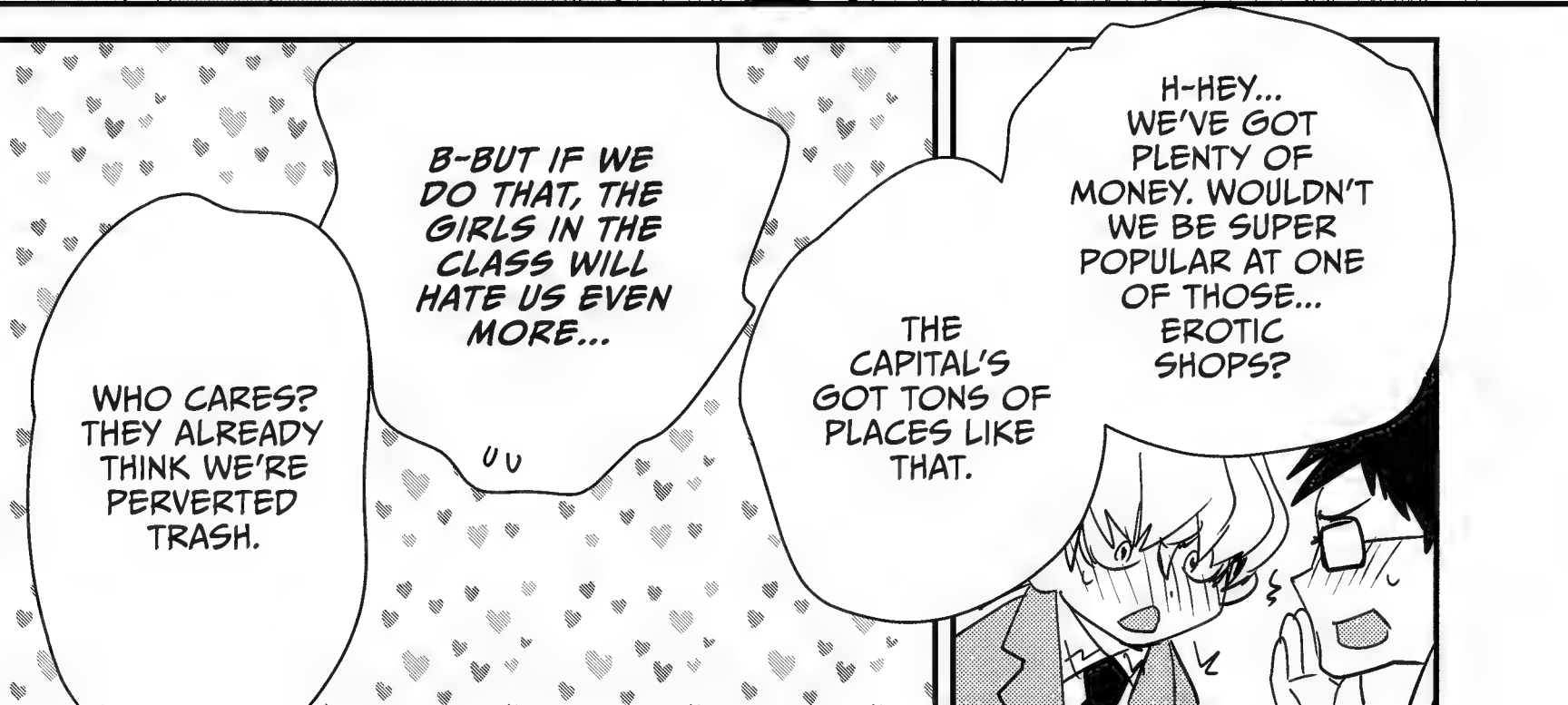
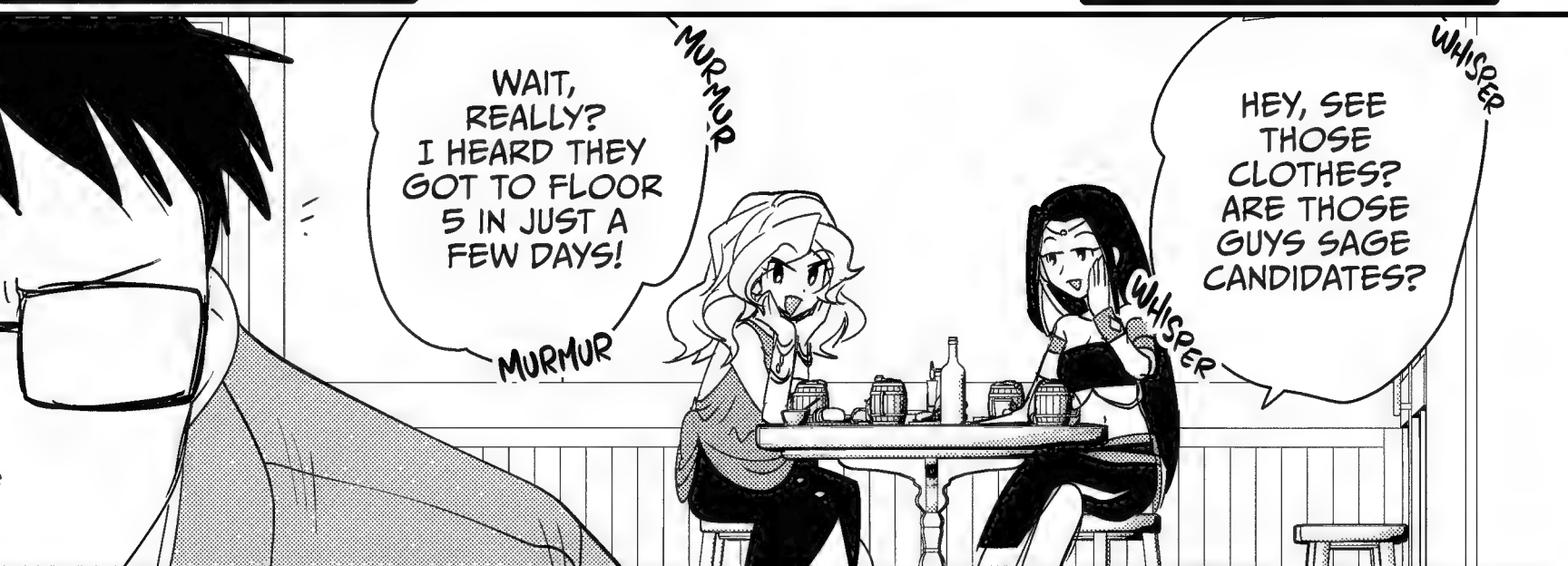
Huff

I'VE BEEN
GETTING A
GOOD LOOK
AT THAT
WAITRESS.

**ABILITIES:
INVISIBILITY,
X-RAY VISION**

BUT YOU
GUYS HAVE
IT BETTER
ANYWAY.

EVEN
IF YOU CAN'T
USE YOUR GIFT
ON THE GIRLS IN
THE CLASS, YOU
CAN STILL USE IT
ON OTHER PEOPLE
WITHOUT THEM
KNOWING,
RIGHT?





WHO CARES ABOUT THE GIRLS IN OUR CLASS?!

TH-THAT'S RIGHT!

WE'RE HEROES CLEARING THE UNDERWORLD. WE'LL BE TOTALLY POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS IN TOWN, RIGHT?

TMP

CLICK



Ohhh!

Y-YES!

YOU ARE THE SAGE CANDIDATES, CORRECT?

GOOD EVENING...

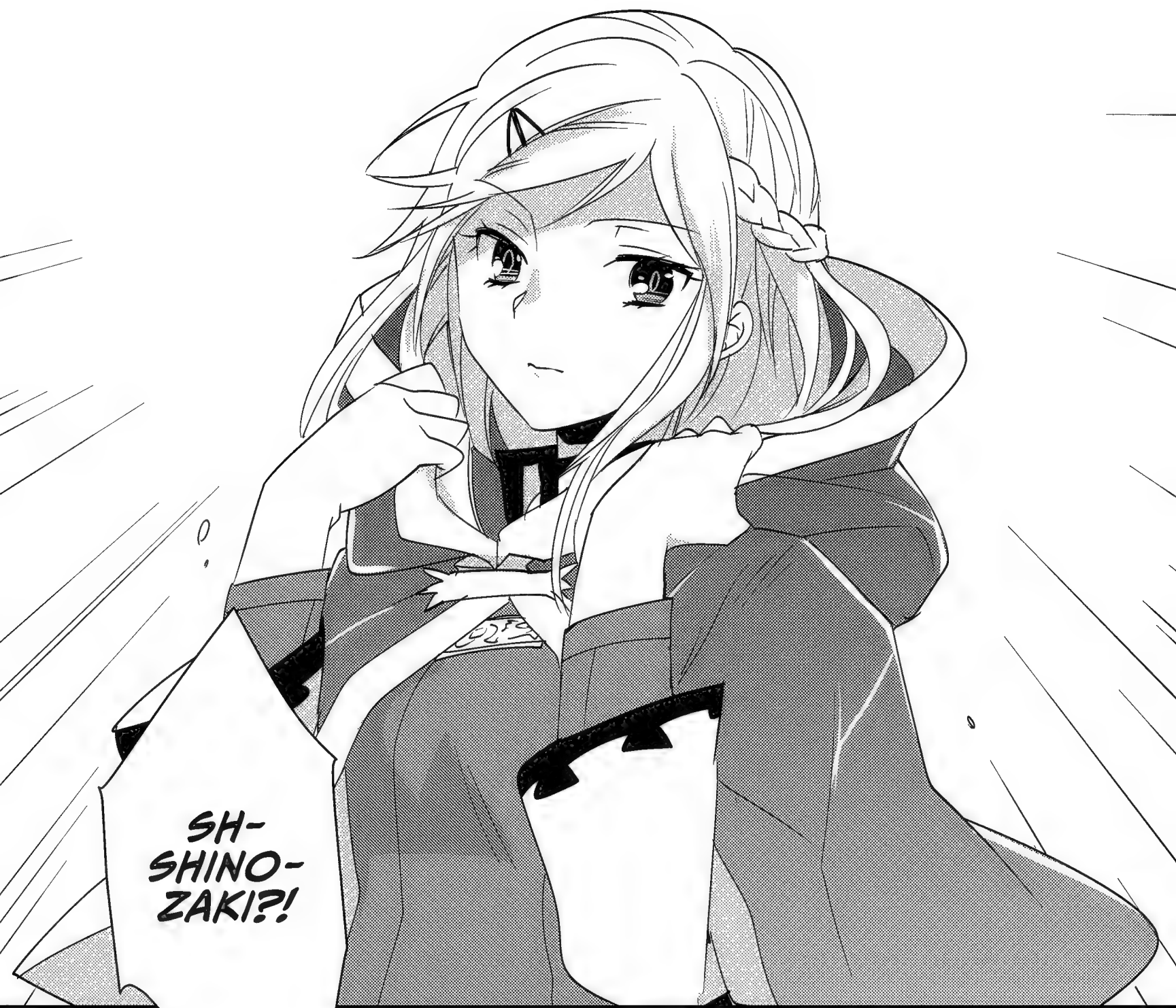
HEY, SEE! WE ARE POPULAR!

STEP...
X
!!

FLIP...
1/0
++

RIGHT?!

UH... HOLD ON A SECOND. THIS GIRL IS...



SH-
SHINO-
ZAKI?!



Y-YOU'RE
ALIVE?!

GRAB

WHAT?!
DIDN'T WE
LEAVE YOU
ON THE
BUS?!



SMILE~

GOT YOU.

THICK CRACK

STOMP



Warning

Using your abilities against classmates is forbidden by your Oath. Continue?

OK

Details

BEEP

USHIO!

DAMMIT!

BLEGH

CRASH!

HOW IS THIS NOT AN EXCEPTION?!







REVENGE,
OF COURSE.




U-
USHIO!

STOP HER!
USE YOUR
ABILITY!

I'VE
BEEN...

TRYING...

♪ MURMUR ♪
♪ ♪



THERE'S
NO WAY YOUR
PATHETIC POWER
WOULD WORK ON
A DRAGON.


CRUNCH

TINK

THMP

CRACK





COULD
YOU TELL THE
CLASS THAT
FOR ME?

I'LL BE
COMING TO
KILL YOU
ALL ONE
BY ONE.


MAKE SURE
YOU LIVE THE
REST OF YOUR
SHORT LIVES
IN FEAR.



IF I DON'T
GET RID OF
THE BODY,
THEY MIGHT
REVIVE HIM.

OH,
RIGHT.





AND I'LL
DO THE SAME
TO EVERY
LAST ONE
OF YOU.

BOOF...



WHAT
TURNED
OUR ICONIC
RICH GIRL
INTO SUCH A
MONSTER?!

BUT
MY POOR
LITTLE
AYAKA...

STUNNED
ぼうぜん

UH...

L-LOOKS
LIKE
EVERYONE
LEFT.

THAT WAS
IMPRESSIVE.



HOW WILL
YOU FIND OUT
WHICH ONE IS
YOGIRI TAKATOU
WITHOUT
ME?!

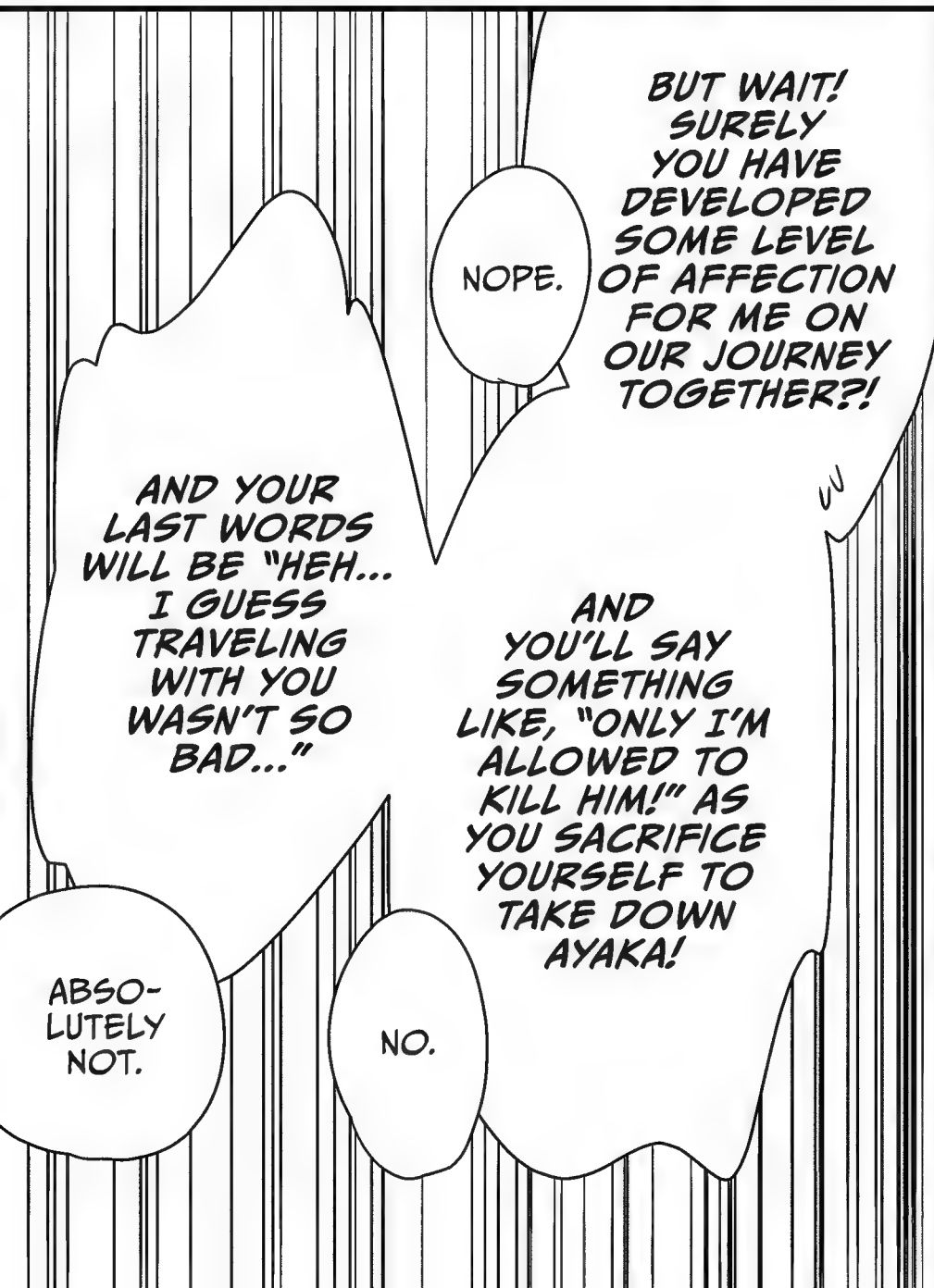
YES,
REALLY!
DO YOU NOT
CARE IF I
DIE?!



OH,
REALLY?

SHE SEEMS
QUITE UPSET
THAT SHE WAS
LEFT BEHIND
ON THE BUS.

WAIT, THAT
MEANS SHE'LL
BE AFTER ME
AS WELL!



NOPE.

BUT WAIT!
SURELY
YOU HAVE
DEVELOPED
SOME LEVEL
OF AFFECTION
FOR ME ON
OUR JOURNEY
TOGETHER?!

AND YOUR
LAST WORDS
WILL BE "HEH...
I GUESS
TRAVELING
WITH YOU
WASN'T SO
BAD..."

AND
YOU'LL SAY
SOMETHING
LIKE, "ONLY I'M
ALLOWED TO
KILL HIM!" AS
YOU SACRIFICE
YOURSELF TO
TAKE DOWN
AYAKA!

ABSO-
LUTELY
NOT.

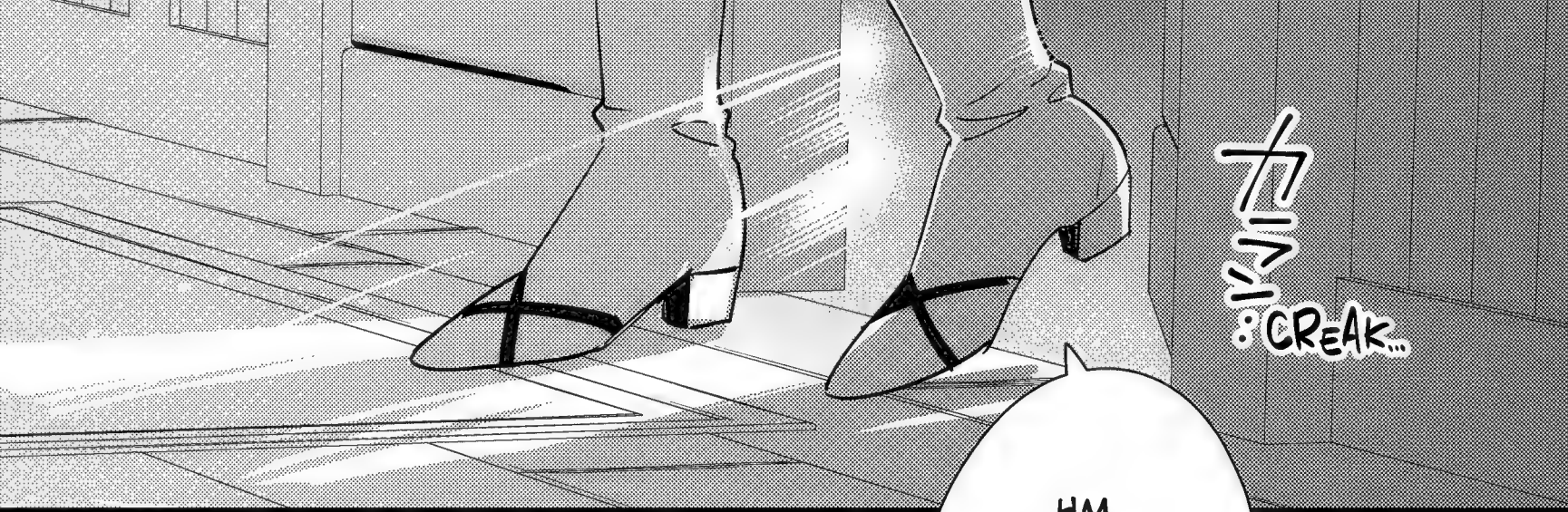
NO.



THOSE GUYS
WERE SAGE
CANDIDATES,
RIGHT?

I JUST
HAVE TO
ASK ONE
OF THEM.

AH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT!



カキミ
: CREAK...



HM.
THIS PLACE
SEEMS
PRETTY
EMPTY.

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN
HERE?

HM?

HUH?
LOOKS LIKE
THE SPELL I
PUT UP ISN'T
WORKING
ON HER...



FLINCH

ACK!



GOOD
EVENING.
YOU MUST BE
HANAKAWA.

I AM THE
SAGE SION.
DO YOU
REMEMBER
ME?

PLEASE
ALLOW ME TO
TAKE MY LEAVE
NOW!

OH?
WHERE ARE
YOU OFF
TO?

SNAP

I AM INDEED
HANAKAWA, AND
I OF COURSE
REMEMBER YOU
VERY WELL!

Y-YES!

CLATTER

OH,
RIGHT, YOUR
ASSIGNMENT
TO DEFEAT THE
DARK GOD.

YOU
CAN SEE THE
SHAPE THIS
PLACE IS IN, SO
WE ARE GOING TO
FIND ANOTHER
SHOP-

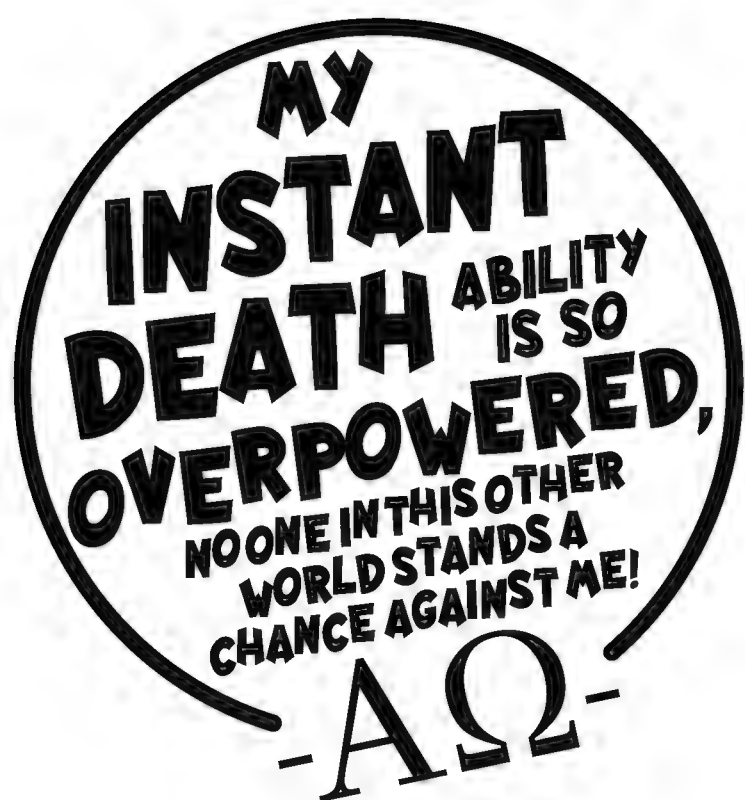
WHAT?!
UMM...WE ARE,
UHH...LOOKING
FOR INFORMATION
ABOUT THE
UNDERWORLD!

THIS...

THIS IS
THE WORST
SITUATION
POSSIBLE!

I CAN TELL
YOU ANYTHING
THAT COUNTS
AS COMMON
KNOWLEDGE.

IN THAT
CASE, WHY
DON'T I HELP
YOU OUT?



**MY
INSTANT
DEATH** ABILITY IS SO
OVERPOWERED,
NO ONE IN THIS OTHER
WORLD STANDS A
CHANCE AGAINST ME!
-AΩ-



Chapter 40 — Unnecessary Things



CLACK

また
STEP

また
STEP



IDiot.

UH...

CUT IT OUT.
YOU WON'T
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING
BY MAKING
SOMEONE LIKE
HER ANGRY.

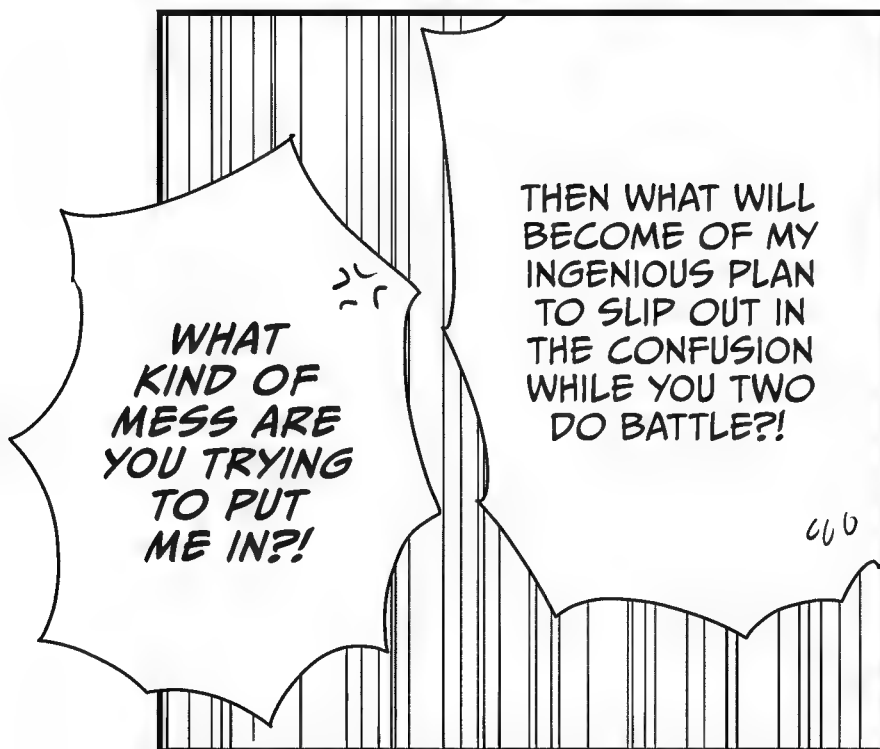
NOW
IS MY
CHANCE
TO RUN...



WHAT?!
EVEN THOUGH
YOU'RE SO
PROUD OF
YOUR HERITAGE
AS THE DARK
GOD'S SPAWN,
YOU WOULD
LOSE TO ONE
WOMAN?!

PROB-
ABLY
NOT.

UHH... ARE
YOU PERHAPS
INSINUATING YOU
COULD NOT
BEST HER IN
COMBAT?



WHAT
KIND OF
MESS ARE
YOU TRYING
TO PUT
ME IN?!

THEN WHAT WILL
BECOME OF MY
INGENIOUS PLAN
TO SLIP OUT IN
THE CONFUSION
WHILE YOU TWO
DO BATTLE?!



WHY
ARE YOU
PROVOKING
ME NOW?

I'M WELL
AWARE OF
MY OWN
LIMITS.

SHE'S ON
A TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
LEVEL. I
COULDN'T
TOUCH HER.



SNIFF

MY ONLY
GOAL IS
TO REVIVE
MY LORD'S
SISTER AND
AVENGE HIM.

I DON'T
HAVE TIME
TO GET
INVOLVED
IN YOUR
NONSENSE.



I'M ONLY
HERE BECAUSE
SHE MIGHT ATTACK
ME IF I TRY TO RUN,
THINKING WE'RE
FRIENDS.

DON'T
GET THE
WRONG
IDEA.



I'm not
gonna
help if she
blows you
to bits.

IF
YOU HAVE
TIME TO
BE STUPID,
THEN DEAL
WITH HER
ALREADY.

I don't
even care
about your
parts now!

THE
FABLED
TSUNDERE
TURN!

TH-
THIS
IS...



SMILE

M-MISS
SION...?

YES?

U-
UMM...



ERR...
PERHAPS I
AM JUST BEING
ESPECIALLY
EGOTISTICAL,
SO, IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE, I
WOULD LIKE TO
CONFIRM...

IS IT
POSSIBLE,
MISS SION...



YOU ARE
HERE...TO
SEE...ME?

OF
COURSE.



THAT...

TH-

I WANTED
TO ASK
YOU ABOUT
SOMEONE
NAMED YOGIRI
TAKATOU.

A-AH!
SIR TAKATOU,
IS IT?!

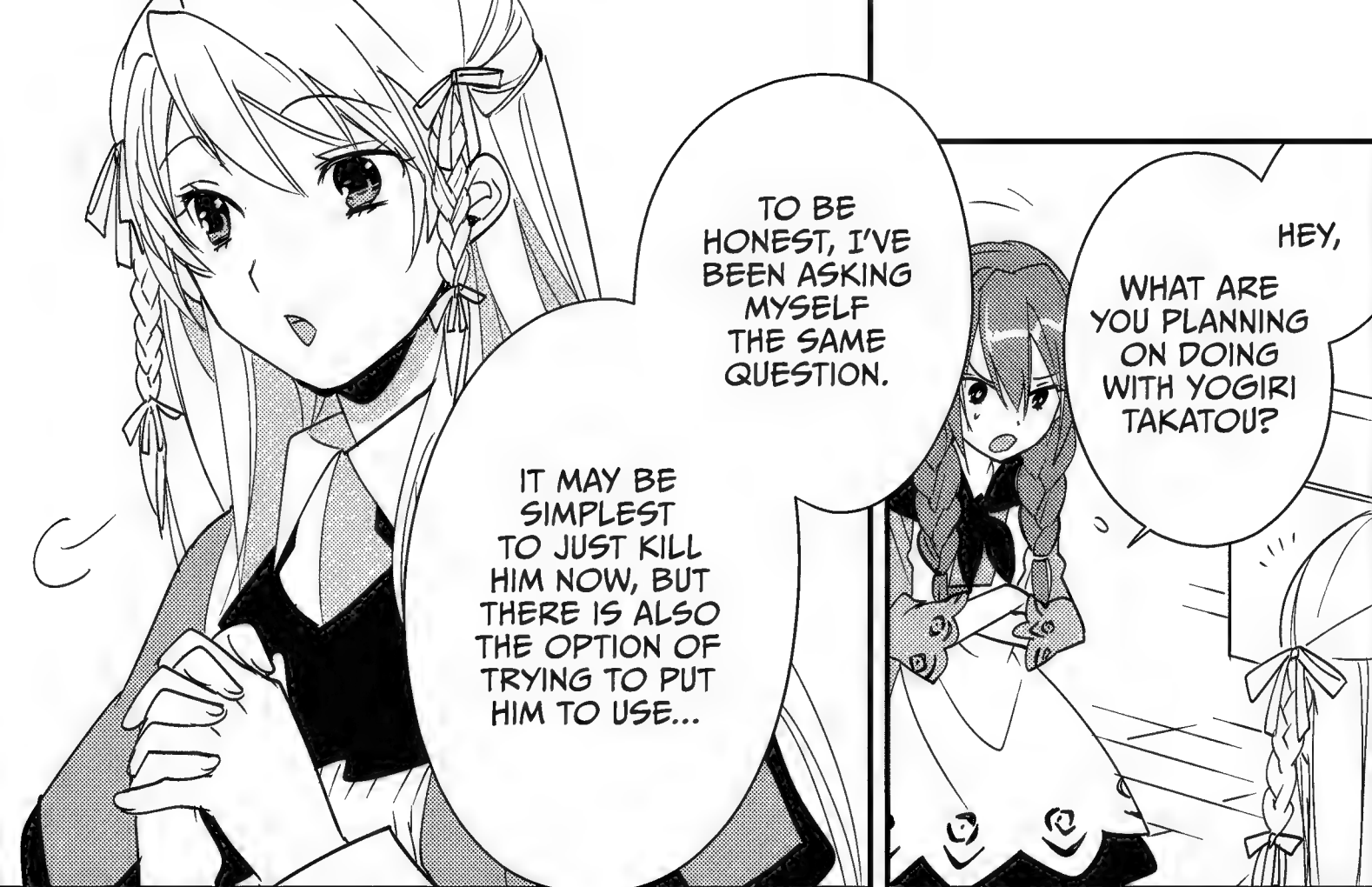
SO
YOU'VE
SEEN HIS
POWER IN
PERSON?

AH...
I HADN'T
HEARD THAT HE
CAN DETECT
KILLING
INTENT.

AND HE
KILLED THE
DARK GOD IN
THE TOWER
AS WELL?

THAT IS
EVERYTHING
I KNOW!

BLAH



TO BE HONEST, I'VE BEEN ASKING MYSELF THE SAME QUESTION.

HEY,

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING WITH YOGIRI TAKATOU?

IT MAY BE SIMPLEST TO JUST KILL HIM NOW, BUT THERE IS ALSO THE OPTION OF TRYING TO PUT HIM TO USE...



YOU CANNOT SPEAK TO A SAGE THAT WAY!

WAIT... SIR LUTE!

Ah!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. I'M GOING TO GET RID OF HIM.



I CANNOT IMAGINE THE SPAWN OF A DARK GOD THAT TAKATOU KILLED HAS A CHANCE AGAINST HIM.

WHATEVER YOU MIGHT SAY,

WHAT?!



PLEASE,
LET US BE
CIVIL!

I-IT
LOOKS LIKE
THE SPAWN VS.
SAGE BATTLE
IS DEVELOP-
ING EVEN
WITHOUT MY
INFLUENCE!

I'VE
ALREADY
HEARD
EVERYTHING
I NEED
FROM YOU,
AFTER
ALL.

I WOULDN'T
DO ANYTHING
SO SILLY.

THOUGH AT
THIS RATE,
I WILL BE
CAUGHT IN THE
CROSSFIRE!



SHIP

HUH?


U-UMM...
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



J-JUST
BECAUSE YOUR
BUSINESS IS
FINISHED DOESN'T
MEAN YOU NEED
TO KILL ME!

I AM
STILL A SAGE
CANDIDATE,
REMEMBER?!

I WAS JUST
THINKING,
I HAVE NO
MORE USE
FOR YOU.



LEAVING
UNNECESSARY
THINGS LYING
AROUND
STRESSES
ME OUT.

I LIKE
TO KEEP
EVERYTHING
NEAT AND
TIDY.

BUT YOU'RE
OUT HERE ALL
ALONE, AREN'T
YOU? HAVEN'T YOU
ALREADY GIVEN UP
ON BECOMING
A SAGE?

HI-SHINE

AHA, SO YOU
ARE OF THE
MINIMALIST
PERSUASION?

WAIT!

M-MISS
SION!!!

I'M
GONNA
DIE!

FLASH

HEY!

WH-
WHAT WAS
THAT?

?

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?!

ニクッ
SQUELCH...

...?

BUT
IT LOOKS
LIKE YOU
TRANSFORMED
IT INTO WHIPPED
CREAM AT
THE LAST
SECOND!

I THOUGHT
FOR SOMEONE
LIKE HANAKAWA,
A SIMPLE HEAT
RAY WOULD
SUFFICE.

WELL...
THAT IS
INTER-
ESTING.

SPLOOSH





SO
THERE'S A
SYSTEM IN
PLACE...

AH...

EACH
ENTRANCE
HAS ITS OWN
PARTICULAR
CHARACTERISTICS
AND A DIFFERENT
PRICE FOR ENTRY. I
RECOMMEND PICKING
A RANDOM ONE
AND SEEING FOR
YOURSELF.

ENTRY
TO THE
UNDERWORLD
IS LIMITED.

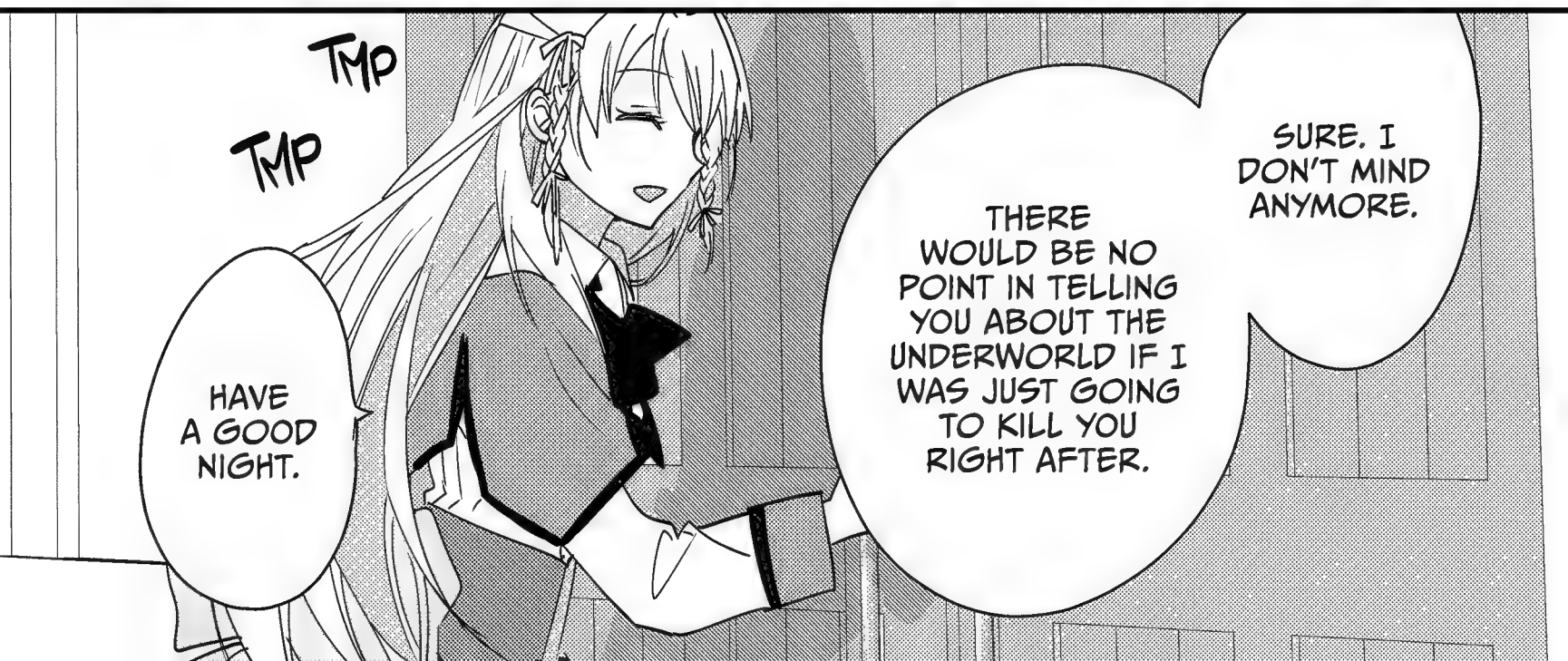


YOU
REALLY
HAVE NO
CONTROL OF
YOUR TONGUE,
DO YOU?

HUH? UMM...
PERHAPS I
SHOULD NOT
TEMPT FATE
BY ASKING
THIS...

BUT
ARE YOU
LETTING
ME GO?

WELL,
I THINK
I SHALL
EXCUSE
MYSELF
NOW.



HAVE
A GOOD
NIGHT.

THERE
WOULD BE NO
POINT IN TELLING
YOU ABOUT THE
UNDERWORLD IF I
WAS JUST GOING
TO KILL YOU
RIGHT AFTER.

SURE, I
DON'T MIND
ANYMORE.



SHE HAS TO BE CRAZY! WHAT ON EARTH WAS SHE THINKING?!

DAMN!

SO MY LIFE REALLY DID JUST RIDE ON HER WHIMS...

UGH...

Click...



BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS. I HAD TO THINK PRETTY FAST.

AND WHO IS THIS FANSERVICE FOR, WITH ME BEING COVERED IN WHIPPED CREAM LIKE THAT?

SO, ENTRANCE TO THE UNDERWORLD USES A TICKET SYSTEM!

DRIP Drip



ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

SHINO-ZAKI KILLED USHIO?!

ROYAL PALACE

GUEST WING

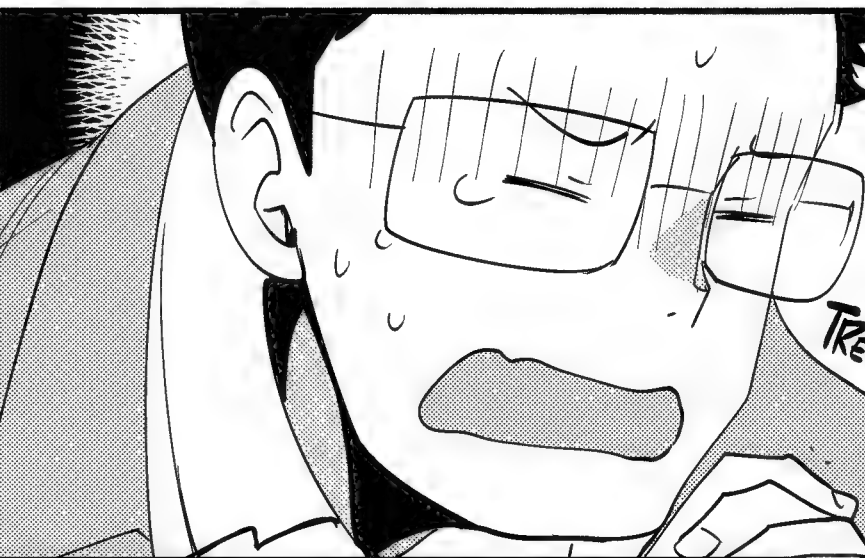
AND WHEN SHE FINISHED, SHE VAPORIZED HIS BODY SO WE COULDN'T HEAL OR REVIVE HIM!

EVEN USHIO'S POWER DIDN'T WORK ON HER.

WE TRIED TO STOP HER, BUT SHE WAS TOO STRONG...

SHE APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE AND JUST STARTED PUNCHING HIM!

WHAT DID SHE HAVE TO SAY?



TREMBLE

TREMBLE

SHE SAID IT WAS FOR RE- VENCE...

AND TO TELL EVERYONE SHE'D KILL US ALL ONE BY ONE.

THE LEVEL GAP WAS SO BIG, WE COULDN'T SEE ANY- THING...

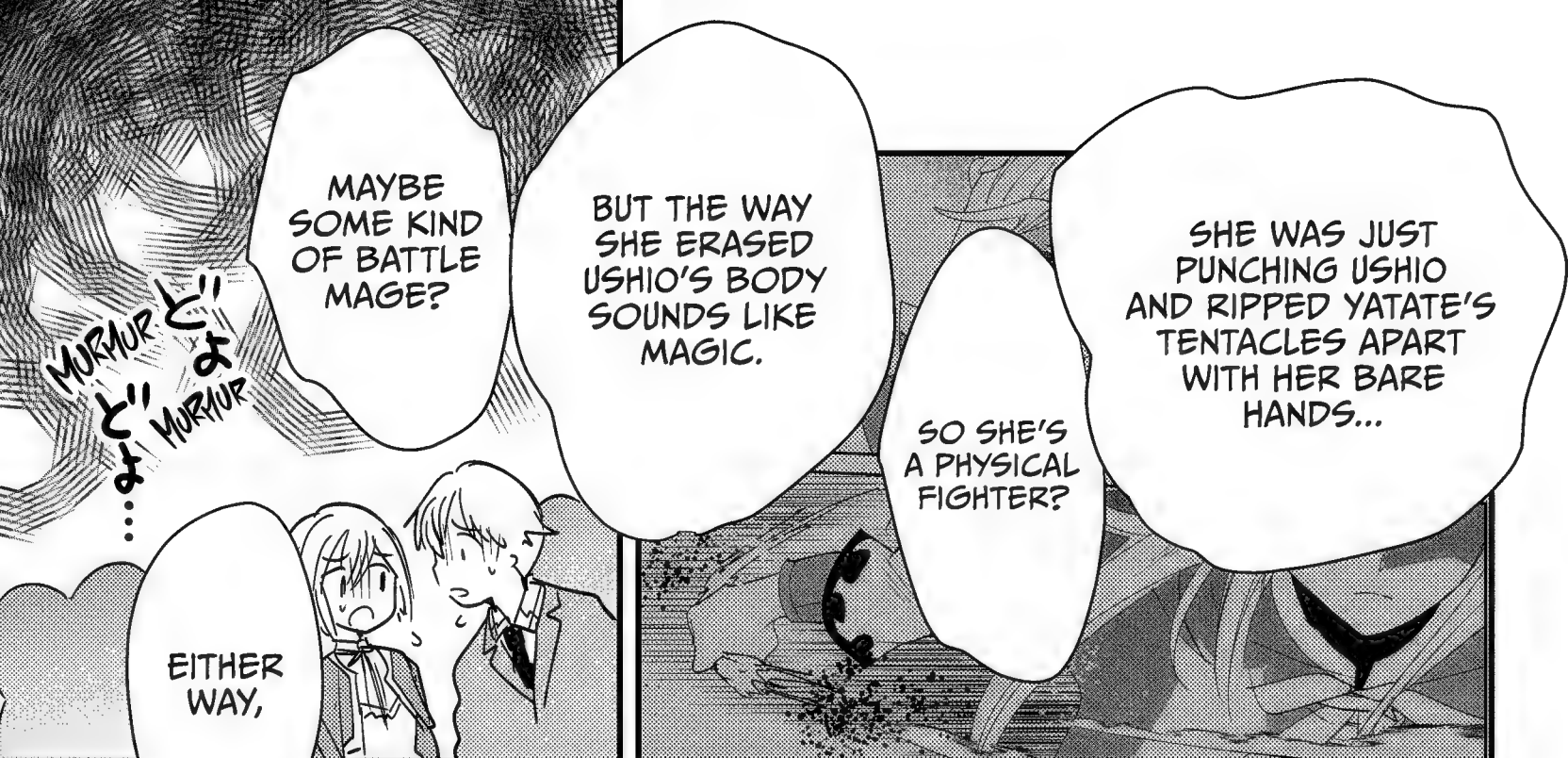
DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ABOUT HER ABILITIES?

BACK ON THE BUS, WE WERE SURE SHE DIDN'T HAVE A CLASS.

NO WAY...

GENERAL SUGURU YAZAKI

IDOL SORA AKINO



MAYBE
SOME KIND
OF BATTLE
MAGE?

BUT THE WAY
SHE ERASED
USHIO'S BODY
SOUNDS LIKE
MAGIC.

SO SHE'S
A PHYSICAL
FIGHTER?

SHE WAS JUST
PUNCHING USHIO
AND RIPPED YATATE'S
TENTACLES APART
WITH HER BARE
HANDS...

EITHER
WAY,



IT MIGHT BE
BEST TO TAKE
SOME TIME TO
REEVALUATE OUR
FORMATION AND
TACTICS...

THINGS
WILL BE MUCH
HARDER IN THE
UNDERWORLD
TOMORROW.

WITHOUT
USHIO ON THE
EXPLORATION
TEAM,

CONSULTANT
HARUTO OOTORI



I GUESS
WE HAVE NO
CHOICE...

WE ALSO
HAVE NO IDEA
WHO SHE WILL
ATTACK NEXT.

IT MAY
BE BEST TO
AVOID GOING
INTO THE CITY
EXCEPT AS
A LARGE
GROUP.



I
MANAGED
TO KILL
ONE OF
THEM...

NOW
THEY'RE ON
THEIR GUARD.
NO ONE FROM
THE CLASS
IS IN TOWN
TODAY.


BUT
MAYBE THE
DECLARATION
OF WAR WAS
A MISTAKE.

THAT'S WHAT
YOU'D EXPECT
IF THEY KNOW
THEY'RE BEING
TARGETED.

BUT THAT
RUINS MY
WHOLE PLAN
OF MAKING
THEM LIVE
IN FEAR.

JUDGING
FROM THE TALK
AROUND TOWN,
IT'S BASICALLY
GUARANTEED THEY'RE
STAYING IN THE
GUEST WING OF
THE PALACE.

SHOULD
WE ATTACK
THEM AT
THEIR BASE,
THEN?

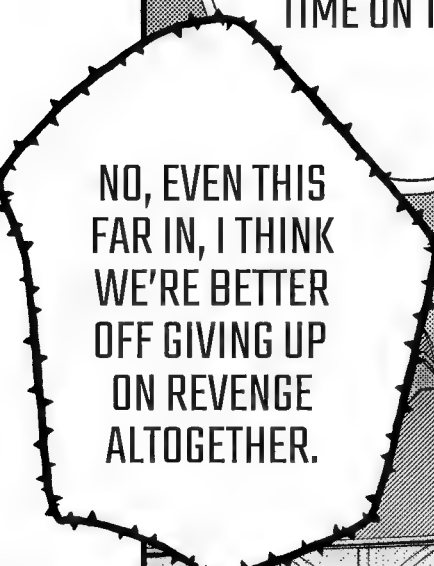


WHY NOT JUST
KILL THEM ALL? DO
YOU REALLY NEED
TO SPEND SO MUCH
TIME ON THIS?

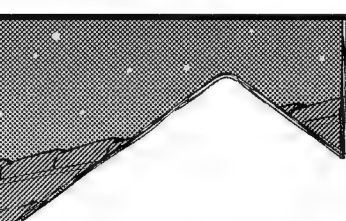
IF YOU DO
THAT, THEY
WILL LIKELY
CHANGE
BASES.

MAYBE
I'LL GO TO
THEIR BASE
AND KILL
ONE OF
THEM.

WE MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
BETTER OFF
GOING WITH THE
MYSTERIOUS
SERIAL KILLER
STRATEGY.



NO, EVEN THIS
FAR IN, I THINK
WE'RE BETTER
OFF GIVING UP
ON REVENGE
ALTOGETHER.



THOUGH
TO DO THAT,
YOU WILL NEED
TO MEET THEM
ONCE TO RECORD
THEIR MANA
PATTERNS...

YOU SHOULD BE
ABLE TO IDENTIFY
INDIVIDUALS BY THE
UNIQUE TRAITS OF
THEIR MANA.



LIKE BY
SMELL OR
MAGIC OR
SOMETHING?

DON'T I
HAVE SOME
EASY WAY
OF TRACKING
WHERE THEY
ARE?



IN THAT
CASE, I
SHOULD GO
VISIT THEIR
BASE—

I'M
LOSING
TRACK
OF WHICH
UNITS ARE
TALKING...

I'M
STARTING
TO THINK
I'M GOING
CRAZY.



THNR!

?!

THE
DRAGON SCALE
WAS UNABLE
TO ABSORB THE
ENTIRE IMPACT,
BUT THERE'S NO
SIGNIFICANT
DAMAGE.

TRAUMA
TO THE HEAD
HAS RESULTED
IN A MINOR
CONCUSSION.

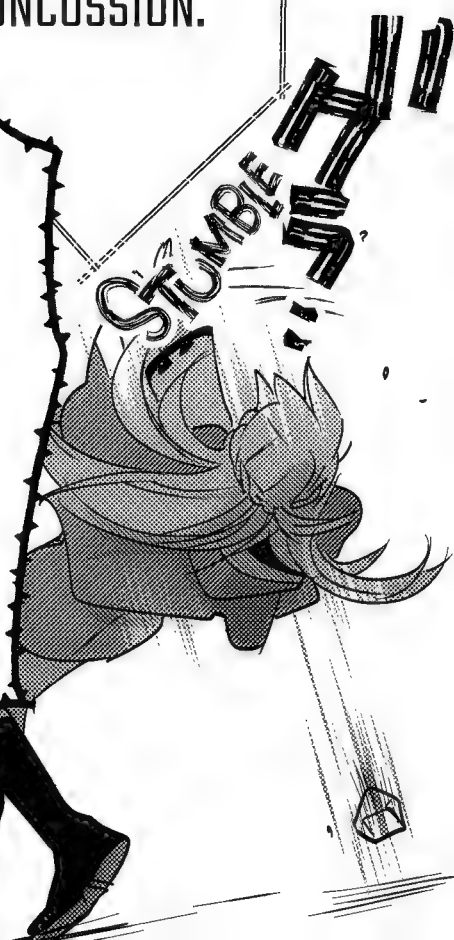
WE'RE
BEING
SNIPED!
THIRTY
DEGREES
NORTHEAST!

HERE
COMES
ANOTHER!

GASP

IDIOT!
DISABLE
THE BODY
SIMULA-
TION!

STUMBLE





FWOOM

FWIP

FWIP

BOOM

DODGE

MISS

HUH...

I GUESS
I'M REALLY
NOT HUMAN,
AM I?

SMASH!!!

THE LAST
TWO SHOTS
WERE OFF
TARGET.

I'VE
TRACED THE
TRAJECTORY
OF THE
PROJECTILES
BACK TO THE
ATTACKER!

THEN
LET'S GO
PAY THEM
A VISIT.

GA-
AAH

GA-
AAH!

WAA-
AH?!



DRAGON
WING!

FLOAT



Y-YOU
COVERED
THAT
DISTANCE
INSTANTLY?!

HA! NONE
OF US CAN
SLEEP EASY
WHILE YOU'RE
STILL OUT
THERE.

IF I CAN
GET RID OF
YOU, I DON'T
CARE WHAT
IT TAKES!

RAGE

YOU'RE
RIONA
SHIRAYAMA,
AREN'T YOU?
ONE OF
MY CLASS-
MATES.


IT'S
PROBABLY
NOT MY PLACE,
BUT ARE YOU
ACTUALLY OKAY
WITH HURTING
INNOCENT
PEOPLE LIKE
THIS?





HOW
SELFISH.

NO WONDER
YOU WERE ABLE
TO LEAVE YOUR
CLASSMATES
BEHIND AS BAIT
AND RUN.



SEEMS
LIKE A FORM
OF KARATE
ADAPTED
TO ACTUAL
COMBAT.

WELL,
I GUESS THAT
MAKES IT MORE
LIKE IMITATING
KICKBOXING.

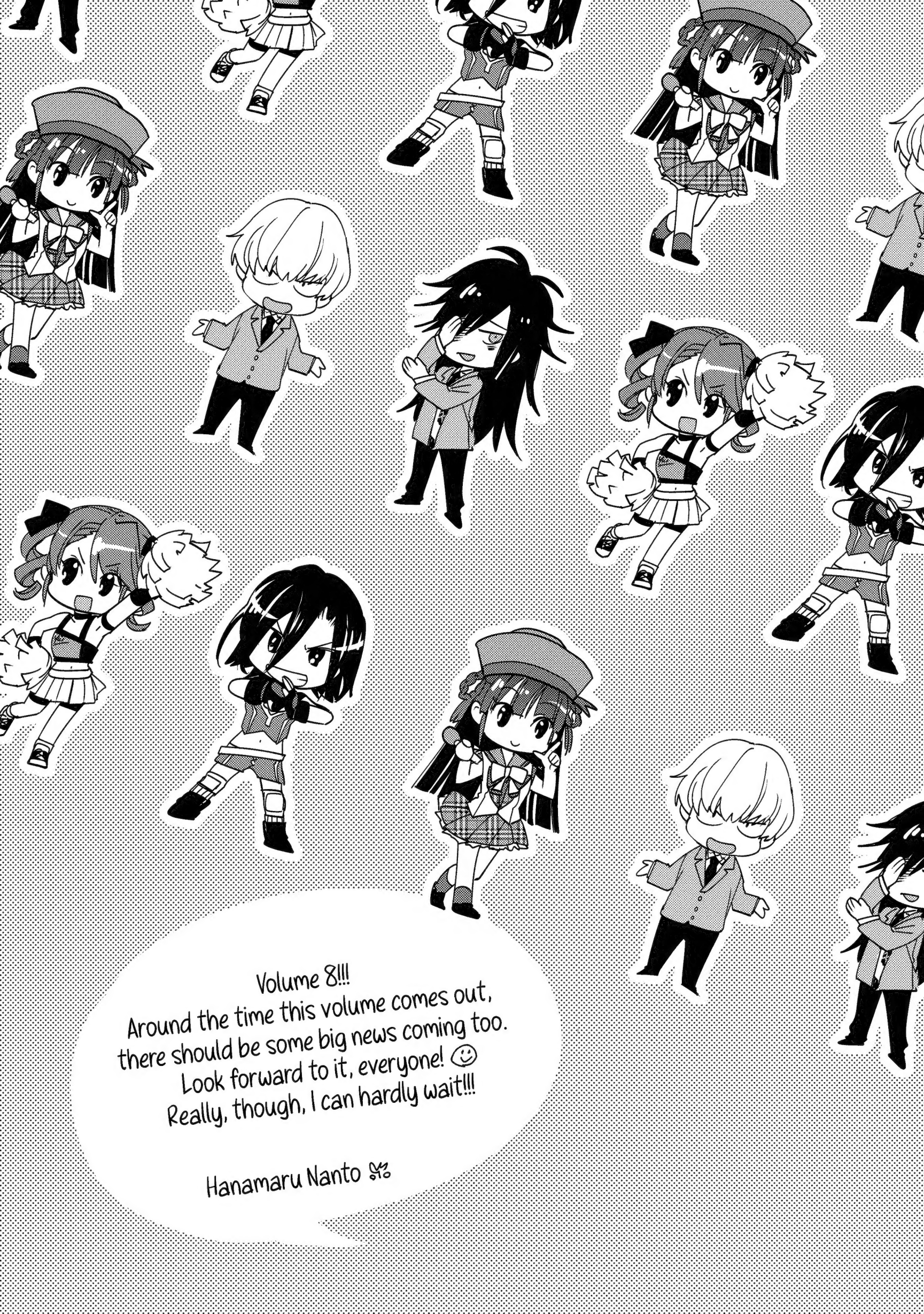
RANGED
ATTACKS
AREN'T
REALLY
MY STYLE
ANYWAY.

MY,

THAT'S
AWFULLY
CRITICAL
OF YOU,
BATTLE
UNIT.

IF WE'RE
SETTLING
THINGS, I'D
RATHER DO
IT LIKE
THIS!





Volume 8!!!
Around the time this volume comes out,
there should be some big news coming too.
Look forward to it, everyone! ☺
Really, though, I can hardly wait!!!

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